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قضايا المنطقة صعبة ومعقدة، واصبحت فى تلك الحالة التى تصل إلى حد اليأس من وجود المعالجة الايجابية والصحيحة، وانما ما يحدث هو محاولات من اجل ايجاد البدائل التى من شأنها بان تخفف وطأة الوضع، وان يصبح هناك المسار البديل، وليس مسار الحل المنشود. إن المنطقة كما يقولون تخرج من حفرة لتقع فى دحرارة، وانها تظل فى مكافحة التوترات الشديدة، وانها معالجات بمسكنات مؤقتة، لم تحقق الاستقرار النهائى، وتظل على حافة الهاوية بين لحظة واخرى. إذا العمل الجاد الدؤوب الاخلاص الامانة إلى اخر هذه القائمة من المواصفات الايجابية والتى لا بديل عنها فى الالتزام بها، والسير قدما من اجل الخروج مما ألم بالمنطقة من جروح وأللام واحزان، لم يداويها الزمن، بل تحتاج إلى التعاون الايجابى من الجميع فى السير قدما نحو تحقيق ما تنشده شعوب المنطقة فى العيش الكريم والمستقبل الافضل، وان لا نضل فى هذه الدوامة التى لا تنتهى.

تحديات المنطقة ليست بالسهلة، فيها من الصعوبات والتعقيدات ما تعجز عنه الدول الكبرى عن ايجاد الحلول الضرورية لها، وما يمكن بان يؤدى إلى المسار الصحيح السليم فى تحقيق افضل المستويات المنشودة للمنطقة، وتحقيق ما تنشده شعوبها من أهداف. إن هناك صراعات داخلية لا احد يرضى بان يكون هناك اية تدخلات اجنبية لمعالجتها، وان يتم ايجاد الحلول لها وما يمكن بان يؤدى إلى افضل المسارات لها من خلال الحوارات التى تتم فى نظام سياسي يرتضيه الشعب، وان لا يصبح هناك من العنف الذى يؤدى إلى التدمير والاذى والخطر الذى يلحق بالبلاد والعباد. إن المنطقة لا تكون قد اعتادت على ذلك، فى معالجات قضاياها، ولكن الاستمرار فى نفس النمط الذى يؤدى إلى العنف لا يحقق الاهداف التى يترجى لها من شعوب المنطقة. وسيظل الوضع فى دوامة لا تنتهى، وهذا ما

اصبحنا نراه اليوم فى ظل هذه السياسات التى تتخبط، ويحدث التدهور والتوتر ولا يرتقى بالشعوب إلى المستويات التى تحقق لهم افضل ما يمكن بان يجدوه من متطلباتهم واحتياجاتهم الضرورية. قد يكون هناك الشعور بان تغيرا ما قد تحقق، ولكن قد لا نجد استقرار ومسارات حضارية تحقق الانجازات التى تنقل بالشعوب من اوضاع المعاناة إلى الرفاهية والوضع الافضل من حياة كريمة تحيا فى ظلها.

إن أزمات المنطقة فى غاية الصعوبة والتعقيد، ولذلك فيها تستمر وتتواصل لفترات متلاحقة، ولا يتم حلها بالسهولة المتوقعة، مهام تم الاستعانة بالخبراء والمختصين من الداخل والخارج، وما كنا نظنه بانه سوف ينتهى وتحدث الحالة التى تنشدها شعوب المنطقة، فإننا نجد بان هناك المزيد من تلك الصعوبات والتعقيدات قد توالدت واصبح هناك مسارات اكثر تعقيدا واشد صعوبة. إذا ما هى الاسباب لذلك، ولماذا تظهر الازمات بالمنطقة، ولماذا معالجاتها تكلف الكثير من الخسائر البشرية والمادية والمعنوية، ويحدث الانفلات الامنى ومزيلا من الفوضى، وما يؤدى إلى تصاعد للعنف وما لا تحمد عقباه. إن المنطقة مشكلاتها فى العمق، والتى تحتاج إلى معالجات جذرية، حيث ان ما يحدث لها من اعطائها المسكنات، لا تؤدى إلى تلك الاوضاع المنشودة من الاستقرار، ولذلك تتكرر تلك الاسباب التى تؤدى إلى حدوث تلك الانتكاسات فى مسارها الصحيح والسليم. المنطقة فى حاجة إلى تلك الدعائم القوية والراسخة التى تحدث لها ما يجعلها تنتقل من مراحل التوتر والتدهور، إلى مراحل الاستقرار والازدهار، وهذا ليس بمستحيل إلى ما تم توافر المواصفات لذلك، وهى متوافرة، ولكنها تحتاج إلى العمل الجاد والاخلاص والامانة وكل تلك العوامل التى تساعد على النهوض بالامة من كبوتها التى انزلت إليها، والغفلة التى وقعت فيها.

المنافسة الشديدة بين الشركات العملاقة فى مجالات التقنيات الحديثة تجعلها تطور من خدماتها، والتى تستخدم فيها افضل الاساليب والوسائل الممكنة والمتاحة، من اجل تقديم افضل ما يمكن من خدماتها إلى مستخدميها. وعلى مستخدمى هذه الخدمات بان يكونوا دائما على الاستعداد لما يحدث من متغيرات وتوافر للبدايل المتاحة والمتطورة، والتى تؤدى إلى افضل ما يمكن من الحصول على هذه المنتجات وخدماتها من هذه الشركات العملاقة فى مختلف المجالات، وخاصة مجال المعلومات والتقنيات الحديثة.

الاموضاع الراهنة فى المنطقة فى حاجة إلى متابعة من جانب المختصين ايا ما كانت تلك الاحوال سواءا اكانت مستقرة فيكون هناك الدعم الضرورى لذلك والحفاظ على ما وصلت إليه المنطقة من استقرار وهدوء كلى او نسبى، وان يتم السير قدما نحو ما هو افضل فى تحقيق المستويات الارقى، والتي تنشدها شعوب المنطقة، وإما إذا ما كانت المنطقة فى حالة من التوترات الخفيفة او الشديدة، فإنه لابد من العمل على تحقيق ما يؤدى إلى تصحيح المسار نحو الاستقرار، وهناك ثقة بان المنطقة بها من المسؤولين ذوى العلم والخبرة والحكمة والقدرة على القيام بدورهم على اكمل وجه، والوصول إلى تحقيق الاهداف المنشودة، بحيث يمكن بان يصبح هناك تحقيق اهداف المنطقة وما تنشده الشعوب من اموضاع افضل فى حياة كريمة واستقرار.

دول على قمة الاقتصاد العالمى، والتي تغزو منتجاتها العالم، واستطاعت بان تصبح فى مستوى تنافسى خطير، لا شك بان التعاون بينهما افضل من ان تستمر الحرب الباردة بينهما فى مجال الاقتصاد والتجارة.

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معاناة الشعوب من المشكلات المستعصية على الحل والمعالجات إذا ما اصبح هناك فوضى وعدم إتخاذ الاجراءات الصحيحة والاجراءات المصاحبة لها، والتي قد يصبح هناك وضعاً فيه انتقال من حال إلى حال، ولكنه ليس الحل الاكيد

والعلاج الناجع، وإنما قد يكون مثل من خرج من حفرة ووقع في حفرة أخرى، أى بانه قد يكون هناك التخلص من مشكلة للعودة إلى مشكلة أخرى قد تكون أكثر صعوبة واشد تعقيدا، وليست بالوضع المستقر الصحيح الذى فيه اختيار المسار نحو افضل ما يمكن تحقيقه من النتائج المرجوة والمنشودة لشعوب المنطقة. إنه ايضا لابد من الدعم المستمر والمتواصل الذى يؤدى إلى تحقيق افضل تلك المعالجات وما يمكن بان يكون هناك من الاستمرارية والمواصلة فى السير فى المسار الذى يحقق الاهداف المرجوة، بافضل النتائج التنافسية فى فترة ما، ومرحلة ما، وهى المرحلة الانتقالية والحرية من تاريخ المنطقة فى ان تصل إلى ما يحمد عقباه، وان الكل ليرجوا ذلك، وان ينتهى التوتر ويعود الاستقرار إلى افضل حالاته واوضاعه.

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تحديات المنطقة ليست بالسهلة، فيها من الصعوبات والتعقيدات ما تعجز عنه الدول الكبرى عن ايجاد الحلول الضرورية لها، وما يمكن بان يؤدى إلى المسار الصحيح السليم فى تحقيق افضل المستويات المنشودة للمنطقة، وتحقيق ما تنشده شعوبها من أهداف. إن هناك صراعات داخلية لا احد يرضى بان يكون هناك اية تدخلات اجنبية لمعالجاتها، وان يتم ايجاد الحلول لها وما يمكن بان يؤدى إلى افضل المسارات لها من خلال الحوارات التى تتم فى نظام سياسى يرتضيه الشعب، وان لا يصبح هناك من العنف الذى يؤدى إلى التدمير والاذى والخطر الذى يلحق بالبلاد والعباد. إن المنطقة لا تكون قد اعتادت على ذلك، فى معالجات قضاياها، ولكن الاستمرار فى نفس النمط الذى يؤدى إلى العنف لا يحقق الاهداف التى يرتجى لها من شعوب المنطقة. وسيظل الوضع فى دوامة لا تنتهى، وهذا ما اصبحنا نراه اليوم فى ظل هذه السياسات التى تتخبط، ويحدث التدهور والتوتر ولا يرتقى بالشعوب إلى المستويات التى تحقق لهم افضل ما يمكن بان يجده من متطلباتهم واحتياجاتهم الضرورية. قد يكون هناك الشعور بان تغيرا ما قد تحقق، ولكن قد لا نجد استقرار ومسارات حضارية تحقق الانجازات التى تنتقل بالشعوب من اوضاع المعاناة إلى الرفاهية والوضع الافضل من حياة كريمة تحيا فى ظلها.

إن أزمات المنطقة فى غاية الصعوبة والتعقيد، ولذلك فيها تستمر وتتواصل لفترات متلاحقة،

ولا يتم حلها بالسهولة المتوقعة، مهام تم الاستعانة بالخبراء والمختصين من الداخل والخارج، وما كنا نظنه بأنه سوف ينتهى وتحدث الحالة التى تنشدها شعوب المنطقة، فإننا نجد بأن هناك المزيد من تلك الصعوبات والتعقيدات قد توالدت واصبح هناك مسارات اكثر تعقيدا واشد صعوبة. إذا ما هى الاسباب لذلك، ولماذا تظهر الازمات بالمنطقة، ولماذا معالجاتها تكلف الكثير من الخسائر البشرية والمادية والمعنوية، ويحدث الانفلات الامنى ومزيذا من الفوضى، وما يؤدى إلى تصاعد للعنف وما لا تحمد عقباه. إن المنطقة مشكلاتها فى العمق، والتى تحتاج إلى معالجات جذرية، حيث ان ما يحدث لها من اعطائها المسكنات، لا تؤدى إلى تلك الاوضاع المنشودة من الاستقرار، ولذلك تتكرر تلك الاسباب التى تؤدى إلى حدوث تلك الانتكاسات فى مسارها الصحيح والسليم. المنطقة فى حاجة إلى تلك الدعائم القوية والراسخة التى تحدث لها ما يجعلها تنتقل من مراحل التوتر والتدهور، إلى مراحل الاستقرار والازدهار، وهذا ليس بمستحيل إلى ما تم توافر المواصفات لذلك، وهى متوافرة، ولكنها تحتاج إلى العمل الجاد والاخلاص والامانة وكل تلك العوامل التى تساعد على النهوض بالامة من كبوتها التى انزلت إليها، والغفلة التى وقعت فيها.

المنافسة الشديدة بين الشركات العملاقة فى مجالات التقنيات الحديثة تجعلها تطور من خدماتها، والتى تستخدم فيها افضل الاساليب والوسائل الممكنة والمتاحة، من اجل تقديم افضل ما يمكن من خدماتها إلى مستخدميها. وعلى مستخدمى هذه الخدمات بأن يكونوا دائما على الاستعداد لما يحدث من متغيرات وتوافر للبدائل المتاحة والمتطورة، والتى تؤدى إلى افضل ما يمكن من الحصول على هذه المنتجات وخدماتها من هذه الشركات العملاقة فى مختلف المجالات، وخاصة مجال المعلومات والتقنيات الحديثة.

الاضاع الراهنة فى المنطقة فى حاجة إلى متابعة من جانب المختصين ايا ما كانت تلك الاحوال سواءا اكانت مستقرة فيكون هناك الدعم الضرورى لذلك والحفاظ على ما وصلت إليه المنطقة من استقرار وهدوء كلى او نسبى، وان يتم السير قدما نحو ما هو افضل فى تحقيق المستويات الارقى، والتى تنشدها شعوب المنطقة، وإما إذا ما كانت المنطقة فى حالة من التوترات الخفيفة او الشديدة، فإنه لابد من العمل على تحقيق ما يؤدى إلى تصحيح المسار نحو الاستقرار، وهناك ثقة بأن المنطقة بها من المسؤولين ذوى العلم والخبرة والحكمة والقدرة على القيام بدورهم على اكمل وجه، والوصول إلى تحقيق الاهداف المنشودة، بحيث يمكن بأن يصبح هناك تحقيق اهداف المنطقة وما تنشده الشعوب من اوضاع افضل فى حياة كريمة واستقرار.

دول على قمة الاقتصاد العالمى، والتى تغزو منتجاتها العالم، واستطاعت بأن تصبح فى مستوى تنافسى خطير، لا شك بأن التعاون بينهما افضل من ان تستمر الحرب الباردة بينهما فى مجال الاقتصاد والتجارة.



الهند وباكستان ... الصراع بين الدولتين الجارتين النوويتين لم يتوقف، ولكنه يهدأ بعض الوقت ثم يحدث التوتر الخطير مرة أخرى، مما يندر بكارثة نووية في شبه الجزيرة الهندية والتي سيمتد أثرها المدمر والخطير إلى باقى انحاء القارة الاسيوية. إذا لابد من ان يحدث سلام بين الدولتين الجارتين ويصبح هناك التعاون بدلا من ان نجد بان هناك ذلك الخطر المتربص والمتوقع إذا ما حدثت تلك الازمة الخطيرة التى من الممكن بان تودى إلى نشوب الحرب النووية ذات نتائج واثار فى غاية الخطورة.

إن الطاقة هى عصب الحياة فلا يوجد من لا يستطيع الاستغناء عن الطاقة فى العالم، ولذلك فالكل يبحث عن البدائل المتنوعة التى يمكن له بان تودى له اعماله ومهامه المختلفة، وان المنطقة لها الكثير منها، ولذلك فهى موقع جيد وممتاز للاستثمارات الاجنبية وغيرها فى هذا المجال الحيوى فى عالمنا المعاصر.

معاناة الشعوب من المشكلات المستعصية على الحل والمعالجات إذا ما اصبح هناك فوضى وعدم إتخاذ الاجراءات الصحيحة والاجراءات المصاحبة لها، والتي قد يصبح هناك وضعاً فيه انتقال من حال إلى حال، ولكنه ليس الحل الاكيد والعلاج الناجع، وإنما قد يكون مثل من خرج من حفرة ووقع فى حفرة أخرى، أى بانه قد يكون هناك التخلص من مشكلة للعودة إلى مشكلة اخرى قد تكون اكثر صعوبة واشد تعقيدا، وليست بالوضع المستقر الصحيح الذى فيه اختيار المسار نحو افضل ما يمكن تحقيقه من النتائج المرجوة والمنشودة لشعوب المنطقة. إنه ايضا لابد من الدعم المستمر والمتواصل الذى يؤدى إلى تحقيق افضل تلك المعالجات وما يمكن بان يكون هناك من الاستمرارية والمواصلة فى السير فى المسار الذى يحقق الاهداف المرجوة، بافضل النتائج التنافسية فى فترة ما، ومرحلة ما، وهى المرحلة الانتقالية والحرجة من تاريخ المنطقة فى ان تصل إلى ما يحمد عقباه، وان الكل ليرجوا ذلك، وان ينتهى التوتر ويعود الاستقرار إلى افضل حالاته واوضاعه.

توترات مستمرة تعصف فى كل مكان على مختلف المستويات والمناطق، وما اصبح هناك صراعات داخلية قد يكون فيها من التدخلات الاجنبية إذا ما لزم الامر وتعارضت السياسية واصبح هناك خطر على المصالح الاجنبية والداخلية، وما قد يحدث كارثة، وينذر بالخطر الوبيل. إن التدهورات السياسية تودى إلى حدوث الفوضى والانفلات الامنى وتصاعد العنف، والذى لا يأمن جانبه ايا من كان، من مواطنين واجانب، وما يستوجب الامر ان يكون هناك ما يؤدى إلى الانقاذ، حتى لا يمتد الصراع إلى نطاق اوسع واشمل، ويزلزل ارجاء المنطقة بأكملها ولا يصبح مقصورا على هذه الدولة بذاتها، وانما هى العلاقات التى قد تكون متشابكة ومتراصة فى المصالح والعلاقات ومقومات كثيرة قد يصعب الانفصال منها، فيزداد الوضع صعوبة وتعقيدا، ويؤدى إلى ما لا يحمد عقباه، من نتائج مرفوضة ومسارات مغلقة ومسدودة وانفاق مظلمة.



## في أعماق الصراعات

المنطقة تسير فى طريق ملئ بالكفاح المستمر الذى لا ينتهى، والذى فيه من المصاعب الكثير، وهذا لا ينكره احد، وهذه هى الحياة التى لا بد من ان يعمل كلا منا، من اجل ان يعيش وان يحقق ما يريد ويحلم به ويطمح إليه، وان من جد وجد ومن زرع حصد ولكل مجتهد نصيب. يجب بان نؤدى الاعمال والمهام المطلوبة، وما يمكن بان يكون عليها الطلب من اجل مزيدا من العطاء ومزيدا مما نريد بان نحققه من انجازات سوف تكون لنا دعما وسندا وفخرا بما قد تعلمنا واستفدنا وخوض فيه، واستطعنا بعد ذلك بان نحقق افضل ما يمكن من النتائج الايجابية التى سوف تستمر وتتواصل وهذا مما يعتبر من النجاح وتحقيق الاهداف.

قضايا المنطقة صعبة ومعقدة، واصبحت فى تلك الحالة التى تصل إلى حد اليأس من وجود المعالجة الايجابية والصحيحة، وانما ما يحدث هو محاولات من اجل ايجاد البدائل التى من شأنها بان تخفف وطأة الوضع، وان يصبح هناك المسار البديل، وليس مسار الحل المنشود. إن المنطقة كما يقولون تخرج من حفرة لتقع فى دحذارة، وانها تظل فى مكافحة التوترات الشديدة، وانها معالجات بمسكنات مؤقتة، لم تحقق الاستقرار النهائى، وتظل على حافة الهاوية بين لحظة واخرى. إذا العمل الجاد الدؤوب الاخلاص الامانة إلى اخر هذه القائمة من المواصفات الايجابية والتى لا بديل عنها فى الالتزام بها، والسير قدما من اجل الخروج مما ألم بالمنطقة من جروح وأللام واحزان، لم يداويها الزمن، بل تحتاج إلى التعاون الايجابى من الجميع فى السير قدما نحو تحقيق ما تنشده شعوب المنطقة فى العيش الكريم والمستقبل الافضل، وان لا نظل فى هذه الدوامة التى لا تنتهى.

تحديات المنطقة ليست بالسهلة، فيها من الصعوبات والتعقيدات ما تعجز عنه الدول الكبرى عن ايجاد الحلول الضرورية لها، وما يمكن بان يؤدى إلى المسار الصحيح السليم فى تحقيق افضل المستويات المنشودة للمنطقة، وتحقيق ما تنشده شعوبها من أهداف. إن هناك صراعات داخلية لا احد يرضى بان يكون هناك اية تدخلات اجنبية لمعالجتها، وان يتم ايجاد الحلول لها وما يمكن بان يؤدى إلى افضل المسارات لها من خلال الحوارات التى تتم فى نظام سياسي يرتضيه الشعب، وان لا يصبح هناك من العنف الذى يؤدى إلى التدمير والاذى والخطر الذى يلحق بالبلاد والعباد. إن المنطقة لا تكون قد اعتادت على ذلك، فى معالجات قضاياها، ولكن الاستمرار فى نفس النمط الذى يؤدى إلى العنف لا يحقق الاهداف التى يرتجى لها من شعوب المنطقة. وسيظل الوضع فى دوامة لا تنتهى، وهذا ما اصبحنا نراه اليوم فى ظل هذه السياسات التى تتخبط، ويحدث التدهور والتوتر ولا يرتقى بالشعوب إلى المستويات التى تحقق لهم افضل ما يمكن بان يجده من متطلباتهم واحتياجاتهم الضرورية. قد يكون هناك الشعور بان تغيرا ما قد تحقق، ولكن قد لا نجد استقرار ومسارات حضارية تحقق الانجازات التى تنتقل بالشعوب من اوضاع المعاناة إلى الرفاهية والوضع الافضل من حياة كريمة تحيا فى ظلها.

إن أزمات المنطقة فى غاية الصعوبة والتعقيد، ولذلك فيها تستمر وتتواصل لفترات متلاحقة،

ولا يتم حلها بالسهولة المتوقعة، مهام تم الاستعانة بالخبراء والمختصين من الداخل والخارج، وما كنا نظنه بأنه سوف ينتهى وتحدث الحالة التى تنشدها شعوب المنطقة، فإننا نجد بأن هناك المزيد من تلك الصعوبات والتعقيدات قد توالدت واصبح هناك مسارات اكثر تعقيدا واشد صعوبة. إذا ما هى الاسباب لذلك، ولماذا تظهر الازمات بالمنطقة، ولماذا معالجاتها تكلف الكثير من الخسائر البشرية والمادية والمعنوية، ويحدث الانفلات الامنى ومزيذا من الفوضى، وما يؤدى إلى تصاعد للعنف وما لا تحمد عقباه. إن المنطقة مشكلاتها فى العمق، والتى تحتاج إلى معالجات جذرية، حيث ان ما يحدث لها من اعطائها المسكنات، لا تؤدى إلى تلك الاوضاع المنشودة من الاستقرار، ولذلك تتكرر تلك الاسباب التى تؤدى إلى حدوث تلك الانتكاسات فى مسارها الصحيح والسليم. المنطقة فى حاجة إلى تلك الدعائم القوية والراسخة التى تحدث لها ما يجعلها تنتقل من مراحل التوتر والتدهور، إلى مراحل الاستقرار والازدهار، وهذا ليس بمستحيل إلى ما تم توافر المواصفات لذلك، وهى متوافرة، ولكنها تحتاج إلى العمل الجاد والاخلاص والامانة وكل تلك العوامل التى تساعد على النهوض بالامة من كبوتها التى انزلت إليها، والغفلة التى وقعت فيها.

المنافسة الشديدة بين الشركات العملاقة فى مجالات التقنيات الحديثة تجعلها تطور من خدماتها، والتى تستخدم فيها افضل الاساليب والوسائل الممكنة والمتاحة، من اجل تقديم افضل ما يمكن من خدماتها إلى مستخدميها. وعلى مستخدمى هذه الخدمات بان يكونوا دائما على الاستعداد لما يحدث من متغيرات وتوافر للبدائل المتاحة والمتطورة، والتى تؤدى إلى افضل ما يمكن من الحصول على هذه المنتجات وخدماتها من هذه الشركات العملاقة فى مختلف المجالات، وخاصة مجال المعلومات والتقنيات الحديثة.

الاضاع الراهنة فى المنطقة فى حاجة إلى متابعة من جانب المختصين ايا ما كانت تلك الاحوال سواءا اكانت مستقرة فيكون هناك الدعم الضرورى لذلك والحفاظ على ما وصلت إليه المنطقة من استقرار وهدوء كلى او نسبى، وان يتم السير قدما نحو ما هو افضل فى تحقيق المستويات الارقى، والتى تنشدها شعوب المنطقة، وإما إذا ما كانت المنطقة فى حالة من التوترات الخفيفة او الشديدة، فإنه لابد من العمل على تحقيق ما يؤدى إلى تصحيح المسار نحو الاستقرار، وهناك ثقة بان المنطقة بها من المسؤولين ذوى العلم والخبرة والحكمة والقدرة على القيام بدورهم على اكمل وجه، والوصول إلى تحقيق الاهداف المنشودة، بحيث يمكن بان يصبح هناك تحقيق اهداف المنطقة وما تنشده الشعوب من اوضاع افضل فى حياة كريمة واستقرار.

دول على قمة الاقتصاد العالمى، والتى تغزو منتجاتها العالم، واستطاعت بان تصبح فى مستوى تنافسى خطير، لا شك بان التعاون بينهما افضل من ان تستمر الحرب الباردة بينهما فى مجال الاقتصاد والتجارة.

الهند وباكستان ... الصراع بين الدولتين الجارتين النوويتين لم يتوقف، ولكنه يهدأ بعض الوقت ثم يحدث التوتر الخطير مرة أخرى، مما يندر بكارثة نووية في شبه الجزيرة الهندية والتي سيمتد أثرها المدمر والخطير إلى باقى انحاء القارة الاسيوية. إذا لابد من ان يحدث سلام بين الدولتين الجارتين ويصبح هناك التعاون بدلا من ان نجد بان هناك ذلك الخطر المتربص والمتوقع إذا ما حدثت تلك الازمة الخطيرة التي من الممكن بان تؤدي إلى نشوب الحرب النووية ذات نتائج واثار فى غاية الخطورة.

إن الطاقة هى عصب الحياة فلا يوجد من لا يستطيع الاستغناء عن الطاقة فى العالم، ولذلك فالكل يبحث عن البدائل المتنوعة التى يمكن له بان تؤدي له اعماله ومهامه المختلفة، وان المنطقة لها الكثير منها، ولذلك فهى موقع جيد وممتاز للاستثمارات الاجنبية وغيرها فى هذا المجال الحيوى فى عالمنا المعاصر.

معاناة الشعوب من المشكلات المستعصية على الحل والمعالجات إذا ما اصبح هناك فوضى وعدم إتخاذ الاجراءات الصحيحة والاجراءات المصاحبة لها، والتي قد يصبح هناك وضعاً فيه انتقال من حال إلى حال، ولكنه ليس الحل الاكيد والعلاج الناجع، وإنما قد يكون مثل من خرج من حفرة ووقع فى حفرة أخرى، أى بانه قد يكون هناك التخلص من مشكلة للعودة إلى مشكلة اخرى قد تكون اكثر صعوبة واشد تعقيدا، وليست بالوضع المستقر الصحيح الذى فيه اختيار المسار نحو افضل ما يمكن تحقيقه من النتائج المرجوة والمنشودة لشعوب المنطقة. إنه ايضا لابد من الدعم المستمر والمتواصل الذى يؤدي إلى تحقيق افضل تلك المعالجات وما يمكن بان يكون هناك من الاستمرارية والمواصلة فى السير فى المسار الذى يحقق الاهداف المرجوة، بافضل النتائج التنافسية فى فترة ما، ومرحلة ما، وهى المرحلة الانتقالية والحرية من تاريخ المنطقة فى ان تصل إلى ما يحمد عقباه، وان الكل ليرجوا ذلك، وان ينتهى التوتر ويعود الاستقرار إلى افضل حالاته واوضاعه.

توترات مستمرة تعصف فى كل مكان على مختلف المستويات والمناطق، وما اصبح هناك صراعات داخلية قد يكون فيها من التدخلات الاجنبية إذا ما لزم الامر وتعارضت السياسية واصبح هناك خطر على المصالح الاجنبية والداخلية، وما قد يحدث كارثة، وينذر بالخطر الوبيل. إن التدهورات السياسية تؤدي إلى حدوث الفوضى والانفلات الامنى وتصاعد العنف، والذى لا يأمن جانبه ايا من كان، من مواطنين واجانب، وما يستوجب الامر ان يكون هناك ما يؤدي إلى الانقاذ، حتى لا يمتد الصراع إلى نطاق اوسع واشمل، ويزلزل ارجاء المنطقة بأكملها ولا يصبح مقصورا على هذه الدولة بذاتها، وانما هى العلاقات التى قد تكون متشابكة ومتراصة فى المصالح والعلاقات ومقومات كثيرة قد يصعب الانفصال منها، فيزداد الوضع صعوبة وتعقيدا، ويؤدي إلى ما لا يحمد عقباه، من نتائج مرفوضة ومسارات مغلقة ومسدودة وانفاق مظلمة.



المنطقة تسير فى طريق ملئ بالكفاح المستمر الذى لا ينتهى، والذى فيه من المصاعب الكثير، وهذا لا ينكره احد، وهذه هى الحياة التى لا بد من ان يعمل كلا منا، من اجل ان يعيش وان يحقق ما يريد ويحلم به ويطمح إليه، وان من جد وجد ومن زرع حصد ولكل مجتهد نصيب. يجب بان نؤدى الاعمال والمهام المطلوبة، وما يمكن بان يكون عليها الطلب من اجل مزيدا من العطاء ومزيدا مما نريد بان نحققه من انجازات سوف تكون لنا دعما وسندا وفخرا بما قد تعلمنا واستفدنا وخوض فيه، واستطعنا بعد ذلك بان نحقق افضل ما يمكن من النتائج الايجابية التى سوف تستمر وتتواصل وهذا مما يعتبر من النجاح وتحقيق الاهداف.

قضايا المنطقة صعبة ومعقدة، واصبحت فى تلك الحالة التى تصل إلى حد اليأس من وجود المعالجة الايجابية والصحيحة، وانما ما يحدث هو محاولات من اجل ايجاد البدائل التى من شأنها بان تخفف وطأة الوضع، وان يصبح هناك المسار البديل، وليس مسار الحل المنشود. إن المنطقة كما يقولون تخرج من حفرة لتقع فى دحذارة، وانها تظل فى مكافحة التوترات الشديدة، وانها معالجات بمسكنات مؤقتة، لم تحقق الاستقرار النهائى، وتظل على حافة الهاوية بين لحظة واخرى. إذا العمل الجاد الدؤوب الاخلاص الامانة إلى اخر هذه القائمة من المواصفات الايجابية والتى لا بديل عنها فى الالتزام بها، والسير قدما من اجل الخروج مما ألم بالمنطقة من جروح وأللام واحزان، لم يداويها الزمن، بل تحتاج إلى التعاون الايجابى من الجميع فى السير قدما نحو تحقيق ما تنشده شعوب المنطقة فى العيش الكريم والمستقبل الافضل، وان لا نظل فى هذه الدوامة التى لا تنتهى.

تحديات المنطقة ليست بالسهلة، فيها من الصعوبات والتعقيدات ما تعجز عنه الدول الكبرى عن ايجاد الحلول الضرورية لها، وما يمكن بان يؤدى إلى المسار الصحيح السليم فى تحقيق افضل المستويات المنشودة للمنطقة، وتحقيق ما تنشده شعوبها من أهداف. إن هناك صراعات داخلية لا احد يرضى بان يكون هناك اية تدخلات اجنبية لمعالجتها، وان يتم ايجاد الحلول لها وما يمكن بان يؤدى إلى افضل المسارات لها من خلال الحوارات التى تتم فى نظام سياسى يرتضيه الشعب، وان لا يصبح هناك من العنف الذى يؤدى إلى التدمير والاذى والخطر الذى يلحق بالبلاد والعباد. إن المنطقة لا تكون قد اعتادت على ذلك، فى معالجات قضاياها، ولكن الاستمرار فى نفس النمط الذى يؤدى إلى العنف لا يحقق الاهداف التى يرتجى لها من شعوب المنطقة. وسيظل الوضع فى دوامة لا تنتهى، وهذا ما اصبحنا نراه اليوم فى ظل هذه السياسات التى تتخبط، ويحدث التدهور والتوتر ولا يرتقى بالشعوب إلى المستويات التى تحقق لهم افضل ما يمكن بان يجده من متطلباتهم واحتياجاتهم الضرورية. قد يكون هناك الشعور بان تغيرا ما قد تحقق، ولكن قد لا نجد استقرار ومسارات حضارية تحقق الانجازات التى تنتقل بالشعوب من اوضاع المعاناة إلى الرفاهية والوضع الافضل من حياة كريمة تحيا فى ظلها.

إن أزمات المنطقة فى غاية الصعوبة والتعقيد، ولذلك فيها تستمر وتتواصل لفترات متلاحقة،



ولا يتم حلها بالسهولة المتوقعة، مهام تم الاستعانة بالخبراء والمختصين من الداخل والخارج، وما كنا نظنه بأنه سوف ينتهى وتحدث الحالة التى تنشدها شعوب المنطقة، فإننا نجد بأن هناك المزيد من تلك الصعوبات والتعقيدات قد توالدت واصبح هناك مسارات اكثر تعقيدا واشد صعوبة. إذا ما هى الاسباب لذلك، ولماذا تظهر الازمات بالمنطقة، ولماذا معالجاتها تكلف الكثير من الخسائر البشرية والمادية والمعنوية، ويحدث الانفلات الامنى ومزيذا من الفوضى، وما يؤدى إلى تصاعد للعنف وما لا تحمد عقباه. إن المنطقة مشكلاتها فى العمق، والتى تحتاج إلى معالجات جذرية، حيث ان ما يحدث لها من اعطائها المسكنات، لا تؤدى إلى تلك الاوضاع المنشودة من الاستقرار، ولذلك تتكرر تلك الاسباب التى تؤدى إلى حدوث تلك الانتكاسات فى مسارها الصحيح والسليم. المنطقة فى حاجة إلى تلك الدعائم القوية والراسخة التى تحدث لها ما يجعلها تنتقل من مراحل التوتر والتدهور، إلى مراحل الاستقرار والازدهار، وهذا ليس بمستحيل إلى ما تم توافر المواصفات لذلك، وهى متوافرة، ولكنها تحتاج إلى العمل الجاد والاخلاص والامانة وكل تلك العوامل التى تساعد على النهوض بالامة من كبوتها التى انزلت إليها، والغفلة التى وقعت فيها.

المنافسة الشديدة بين الشركات العملاقة فى مجالات التقنيات الحديثة تجعلها تطور من خدماتها، والتى تستخدم فيها افضل الاساليب والوسائل الممكنة والمتاحة، من اجل تقديم افضل ما يمكن من خدماتها إلى مستخدميها. وعلى مستخدمى هذه الخدمات بأن يكونوا دائما على الاستعداد لما يحدث من متغيرات وتوافر للبدائل المتاحة والمتطورة، والتى تؤدى إلى افضل ما يمكن من الحصول على هذه المنتجات وخدماتها من هذه الشركات العملاقة فى مختلف المجالات، وخاصة مجال المعلومات والتقنيات الحديثة.

الاضاع الراهنة فى المنطقة فى حاجة إلى متابعة من جانب المختصين ايا ما كانت تلك الاحوال سواءا اكانت مستقرة فيكون هناك الدعم الضرورى لذلك والحفاظ على ما وصلت إليه المنطقة من استقرار وهدوء كلى او نسبى، وان يتم السير قدما نحو ما هو افضل فى تحقيق المستويات الارقى، والتى تنشدها شعوب المنطقة، وإما إذا ما كانت المنطقة فى حالة من التوترات الخفيفة او الشديدة، فإنه لابد من العمل على تحقيق ما يؤدى إلى تصحيح المسار نحو الاستقرار، وهناك ثقة بأن المنطقة بها من المسؤولين ذوى العلم والخبرة والحكمة والقدرة على القيام بدورهم على اكمل وجه، والوصول إلى تحقيق الاهداف المنشودة، بحيث يمكن بأن يصبح هناك تحقيق اهداف المنطقة وما تنشده الشعوب من اوضاع افضل فى حياة كريمة واستقرار.

دول على قمة الاقتصاد العالمى، والتى تغزو منتجاتها العالم، واستطاعت بأن تصبح فى مستوى تنافسى خطير، لا شك بأن التعاون بينهما افضل من ان تستمر الحرب الباردة بينهما فى مجال الاقتصاد والتجارة.

الهند وباكستان ... الصراع بين الدولتين الجارتين النوويتين لم يتوقف، ولكنه يهدأ بعض الوقت ثم يحدث التوتر الخطير مرة أخرى، مما يندر بكارثة نووية في شبه الجزيرة الهندية والتي سيمتد أثرها المدمر والخطير إلى باقى انحاء القارة الاسيوية. إذا لابد من ان يحدث سلام بين الدولتين الجارتين ويصبح هناك التعاون بدلا من ان نجد بان هناك ذلك الخطر المتربص والمتوقع إذا ما حدثت تلك الازمة الخطيرة التى من الممكن بان تؤدي إلى نشوب الحرب النووية ذات نتائج واثار فى غاية الخطورة.

إن الطاقة هى عصب الحياة فلا يوجد من لا يستطيع الاستغناء عن الطاقة فى العالم، ولذلك فالكل يبحث عن البدائل المتنوعة التى يمكن له بان تؤدي له اعماله ومهامه المختلفة، وان المنطقة لها الكثير منها، ولذلك فهى موقع جيد وممتاز للاستثمارات الاجنبية وغيرها فى هذا المجال الحيوى فى عالمنا المعاصر.

معاناة الشعوب من المشكلات المستعصية على الحل والمعالجات إذا ما اصبح هناك فوضى وعدم إتخاذ الاجراءات الصحيحة والاجراءات المصاحبة لها، والتي قد يصبح هناك وضعاً فيه انتقال من حال إلى حال، ولكنه ليس الحل الاكيد والعلاج الناجع، وإنما قد يكون مثل من خرج من حفرة ووقع فى حفرة أخرى، أى بانه قد يكون هناك التخلص من مشكلة للعودة إلى مشكلة اخرى قد تكون اكثر صعوبة واشد تعقيدا، وليست بالوضع المستقر الصحيح الذى فيه اختيار المسار نحو افضل ما يمكن تحقيقه من النتائج المرجوة والمنشودة لشعوب المنطقة. إنه ايضا لابد من الدعم المستمر والمتواصل الذى يؤدي إلى تحقيق افضل تلك المعالجات وما يمكن بان يكون هناك من الاستمرارية والمواصلة فى السير فى المسار الذى يحقق الاهداف المرجوة، بافضل النتائج التنافسية فى فترة ما، ومرحلة ما، وهى المرحلة الانتقالية والحرية من تاريخ المنطقة فى ان تصل إلى ما يحمد عقباه، وان الكل ليرجوا ذلك، وان ينتهى التوتر ويعود الاستقرار إلى افضل حالاته واوضاعه.

توترات مستمرة تعصف فى كل مكان على مختلف المستويات والمناطق، وما اصبح هناك صراعات داخلية قد يكون فيها من التدخلات الاجنبية إذا ما لزم الامر وتعارضت السياسية واصبح هناك خطر على المصالح الاجنبية والداخلية، وما قد يحدث كارثة، وينذر بالخطر الوبيل. إن التدهورات السياسية تؤدي إلى حدوث الفوضى والانفلات الامنى وتصاعد العنف، والذى لا يأمن جانبه ايا من كان، من مواطنين واجانب، وما يستوجب الامر ان يكون هناك ما يؤدي إلى الانقاذ، حتى لا يمتد الصراع إلى نطاق اوسع واشمل، ويزلزل ارجاء المنطقة بأكملها ولا يصبح مقصورا على هذه الدولة بذاتها، وانما هى العلاقات التى قد تكون متشابكة ومتراصة فى المصالح والعلاقات ومقومات كثيرة قد يصعب الانفصال منها، فيزداد الوضع صعوبة وتعقيدا، ويؤدي إلى ما لا يحمد عقباه، من نتائج مرفوضة ومسارات مغلقة ومسدودة وانفاق مظلمة.



أمس واليوم ... النظريات والحقائق

إننا اليوم نمر بعصر كثرت فيه الاختلافات بين البشر، واصبح الكل يحاول الوصول إلى القمة في الحياة الحديثة التي نحياها اليوم، والبحث عن كل جديد وطمس كل ما هو قديم، فلقد ترك الإنسان في أغلب المجتمعات الحديثة العادات والتقاليد التي كانت في الماضي يسير عليها الأباء والأجداد، وعللوا ذلك بأنها بالية وعتيقة وصلبة عقيمة، لاتصلح لمجتمعات اليوم، ويجب أن نكون في حرية تامة، نفعل ما نريد ونحقق كل ما يخطر لنا على بال. وان أراء وأفكار الأجيال التي سبقتنا لاتصلح لنا لنعيش في عصرنا الحالي في يومنا هذا، الذي يحتاج إلى أفكار جديدة، ومعتقدات مختلفة، وأن تهدم الحواجز والفواصل التي تعيق تحررنا وحركتنا نحو الانطلاق إلى كل ما هو حديث وجديد، وأن يكون لنا أستقلالنا الفكري من نبذ لكل ما هو قديم وإقتناء لكل ما هو جديد، وحتى إن كان فيها هلاكنا ودمارنا، فإننا بالطبع قد فقدنا التميز بين الأشياء، وما هو جيد لنا، ويجب الأخذ به، وما هو ضار لنا ويجب الابتعاد عنه وتجنبه، ولكننا للأسف الشديد لانستطيع السيطرة على أنفسنا وأنغمسنا في الحضارة الغربية بكل عيوبه ومساوئها، وفقدنا الزمام، للحفاظ على طابعنا وقيمنا وطابعنا الشرقي الأصيل، ولانعلم إلى أية هاوية نحو إليها سائرون، وهل من وقوف من تقييم للأوضاع الحالية، والعودة إلى مناهجنا التي تركناها، أم إنه لامجال إلا السير مع التيار القوى الذي لانستطع مقامته.

أمس واليوم  
ما هذا الذي يحدث في مجتمعاتنا التي نعيش فيها من إختلاف في العادات والطباع والتقاليد، بالنسبة للبشر سواء كانوا مواطنين في تلك المجتمعات أو أجانب يقيمون لفترات معروفة لأية غرض من الأغراض، سواء كانت للعمل أو الزيارة أو حتى قد تكون بغرض الهجرة، والأقامة الدائمة في تلك المجتمعات، وهو أن تكون أشياء كثيرة تغيرت في كل مكان تقريبا، فقد تداخلت العادات والتقاليد لكثير من المجتمعات من مجتمعات أخرى، وعليه فأنا بما لدينا اليوم من مقتنيات حديثة أصبحت تؤدى مهام كانت تحتاج في الماضي إلى أوقات طويلة وجهد كبير وشاق يبذل في هذا المضمار، ولكن اليوم أصبح الإنسان في وضع يحسد عليه بما لديه من مثل تلك الأجهزة التي أصبحت له مثل الخادم المطيع، أو فعل السحر في الماضي، وكانت تعتبر من سابع المستحيلات وفي الخيال والاحلام، حيث أصبح الآن بلمسة أو لمسات بسيطة، تنفذ تلك الآلات والأجهزة أغراض عديدة ومتنوعة وتنفذ له أعمال كانت في الماضي تحتاج إلى أفراد عديدين ذوى مهارات متميزة وان ينفق الأموال وتبذل الجهود، وهذا بالطبع أدى إلى تغييرات في الطبائع البشرية، بعد أن كانت صلبة وصعبة التغير وتحتاج إلى الوقت للمعرفة والتثقل من مكان إلى مكان آخر بعيد، فإننا أصبحنا اليوم نستطيع التعرف على ما جرى من أحوال الأمم الأخرى سواء كان ذلك في الماضي أو الحاضر، ومن ما يدور حولنا في هذا العالم الذي نعيشه، ونطلع في الحال على كل جديد يظهر في هذا العالم، سواء في المجالات العلمية أو الأدبية أو الفكرية، وكذلك من موضوعات في الأزياء والموسيقى والفن وخلافه، وهذا يجعلنا نشارك الآخرين المشاعر والأحاسيس، سويا وفي وقت واحد في أية بقعة من الكرة الأرضية، بما توافر له من تقنيات حديثة، تؤدى

هذا الغرض، وما كان متوفرا للحكومات والدول أصبح متوافرا للأفراد فى كل مكان، حيث أصبحت الشركات التجارية تسعى جاهدة فى انزال كل المقتنيات والسلع والخدمات ذات التكنولوجيات الحديثة والمتطورة، إلى الأسواق، بغرض تحقيق الربح المادى السريع بأية وسيلة من الوسائل كانت، وأهملت باقى المعايير التى يجب أن تحافظ على سرية أو أهمية المعلومات، والتقنيات، وأصبحت فى متناول البش جميعا، معروضة فى الأسواق أو بالطلب من الشركات التى تستطيع توفيرها لمن يدفع الثمن، وكل ما يطلب منها يمكن انتاجه وتحقيقه، فلم يعد اليوم هناك تقريبا شيئا مستحيلا، فى هذا العالم الغريب والعجيب.

### النظريات والحقائق

لأحد ينكر أن النجاح يحتاج إلى مجهود وعمل جاد وبناء وهو ناتج عن دراسات علمية وتجارب معملية قام بها الأفراد والجماعات وكلا يحصل فى النهاية نتيجة مجهوده الى قد تعم على النطاق العالمى والأستخدام الفعال والأنتشار الواسع، وبالطبع فإن الكثير من الأبحاث والأكتشافات التى تحصل عليها العلماء كانت دائما نتيجة دراسة جادة وشاقة وإن كان هناك بعض الأكتشافات ظهرت بفعل الصدفة، وهناك كما هو معروف النظريات التى يضعها العلماء لأشياء غامضة وغير واضحة، وقد تكون خارج الإدراك البشرى، وحتى يكون هناك مفهوم لما يحيط بالإنسان فهو يضع الرؤيا الموضوعية والمنطق التى تتفق مع العقل الإنسانى والواقع العام، ويطلق عليها النظرية أو الحقيقة نتيجة التطور العلمى أو الفكرى، فإما يأخذ بهذه النظرية ويثبت صحتها، أو أنها تبطلها ويأتى بالحقائق الكونية التى لا تدع مجال للشك فى رأى المؤيد لمثل تلك الأمور التى يدركها الإنسان ويبحث فى ماهيتها، من هذا نستنبط بأن الإنسان إذا وجد سئ غامض حوله فإنه يضع النظرية التى تؤيد تفكيره المنطقى والعقلانى لمثل هذا الأمر إلى أن يثبت صحته أو بطلانه.

### الواقع والمستقبل

الكل يعلم تمام العلم بأنه يجب أن نعمل ونكافح فى هذه الحياة حتى نعيش والكل يطمح بأن يحسن مستواه المعيشى ومن زيادة فى الدخل، وذلك لمواجهة متطلبات الحياة التى هى فى إزدياد مستمر فى تكاليف الحياة الدائم، وبالطبع فإن الأفراد عادة يريدون تحقيق المزيد من الرفاهية، بعد إشباع الاحتياجات الأساسية اللازمة لأستمرارية الحياة، وعلى سبيل المثال فإن الإنسان يريد أن يحقق أملاكه لبعض المقتنيات الأساسية مثل البيت والسيارة والمأكى والمشرب والوظيفة المناسبة وتقضية أوقات الفراغ على الصورة المرضية من رحلات وتغيير وتجديد الممتلكات كلما أمكن ذلك فى فترات متقاربة، بأستمرارية، وهكذا قائمة من المتطلبات التى لا تنتهى، ولهذا فإن الإنسان يبحث دائما عن الوسائل التى تحقق له المزيد من الدخل لتحقيق مثل تلك الرغبات والمتطلبات الأساسية والكمالية وخلافه لمسيرة الحياة، فهناك من يتشتت بها ولا يريد أن يفارقها لما يمتلكه من مقتنيات مادية من حطام هذه الدنيا

الفانية فى هذه الحياة التى نحيها.

وعليه فإن فى الموازى لذلك هو الجماعات التى تعمل فى وحدات متعددة ومتنوعة لتحقيق أهداف أخرى فهذه الجماعات قد تكون حكومات، أو مؤسسات، أو شركات، أو منظمات ولجان، أو جمعيات، وبالطبع وذلك لتحقيق رغبات أكثر وليس على المستوى الفردى ولكن على المستوى الجماعى المتمثل فى الأسواق والمنشآت التعليمية الحكومية أو الخاصة، وخلافه حتى يتم أتمام مشاريع أو تحقيق أغراض ونشر دعايات وأعلانات قد تكون من أجل إجتذاب الأموال، ونشر الوعى الصحى والوقائى، والأندماج الاجتماعى، والسياسى، أو قد يكون لتحقيق مستوى أفضل من الرفاهية عن طريق الوسائل المتاحة من الإنجازات الحضارية التى نعيشها اليوم فى مجالات الاتصالات والمواصلات والأعلام والتجارة فى مختلف السلع والأجهزة الإنتاجية والمعمرة، والاستهلاكية.

وعليه فإن المسارات فى هذه الحياة التى نحيها، ونحن على مشارق قرن جديد يطالعنا بإشراق وإطلالة جديدة، وفى إنتظار تغيرات هائلة وثورات علمية هائلة فى مجالات متعددة، قد تغير مفاهيم العصر الذى نعيشه، فإن التنبؤ صعب بما قد يأتى به المستقبل، وبما سوف تكون عليه الحياة، فى القرن الجديد، وهل نستطيع التأقلم معها أم لا؟، فإن الجواب سوف يظهر فى الأيام المقبلة.

وعلى هذا فإننا يجب أن نحافظ على ما لدينا من إنجازات حضارية وأن نحاول الوصول إلى الأفضل دائما، وبذل المستطاع من الجهد فى إكمال الوجبات المطلوبة منا تجاة أنفسنا وتجاه الآخرين، وأن يكون هناك جدية فى العمل، وتقدير للجهد المبذول، ومحبه وإحترام متبادل بيننا وبين بعضينا البعض، حتى يكون هناك سلام بين المجتمعات وراحة نفسية بين الأفراد، لا أمراض إجتماعية عصرية من الأنعزال والتوقع فى أنفسنا، فلا يعلم أحد شئ عن الآخرين سواء كانوا يشاركونه نفس العمارة التى يقطنها أو الحى الذى يعيش به، كانت هناك صداقات إنقلبت إلى عدائيات، من روح العصر اذى إنغمسنا فيه.

فإن الواقع الحضارى الذى يعيشه الغرب يجب أن لا يأخذ كما هو، بكل عيوبه ومساوئه، وماله وما عليه، ولكن يجب أن ينتقى الجيد من العمل والصالح منه للمجتمعات الشرقية، حتى لاندم فى المستقبل لما وصلنا إليه، مع عدم الملاءمة للطباع والعادات والتقاليد التى نشأنا عليها، فالحياة الفلسفية والنفسية والاجتماعية مهمة جدا مثل الحياة الدينى. فإن إستطعنا ذلك فإننا نكون قد نجحنا فى المواكبة مع الحضارة الغربية والخوض فى النهضة الحضارية بروح العصر الحالى والماضى، كليهما معا، فلا متسقبل بدون حضارة الماضى، والحفاظ

عليها والاستفادة منها قدر الإمكان، وإن كان هذا صعب، فإن البناء دائما يحتاج إلى بذل الجهود اللازمة لذلك، وإن النجاح ضريته التعب والجهد المبذول للوصول إلى الهدف.





## المنطقة بين قوى جذب الغرب والشرق

هذا هو حالنا، سنين تمر، وشهور وأسابيع تكرر، وأيام تفر، وأعوام تنتهي وأعوام تبدأ من جديد، فهل من جديد غير المأسى التي تظهر وتمر على المنطقة من الحروب والصراعات والنزاعات المستمرة والمتواصلة، والتي لا تهدأ، وإذا أنتهت أزمة، بدأت أزمة جديدة، فلا تهدأ المنطقة وشعوبها، وانما تستمر في قلقها الذى ينغص عليها معيشتها، ولا تعرف كيف يمكن بان تستقر من اجل تحقيق الانجازات الحضارية التي تنهض بها بالبلاد والعباد. كلنا يعلم باننا نعيش على الارض التي ليس فيها الراحة، وانما هو العمل الذى يجب علينا القيام به، وان نخوض فى غمار هذه المعارك المستمرة مع الحياة التي تتشعب بنا فى كافة المجالات والميادين.

المنطقة وحساباتها الصعبة والمعقدة فى تعاملها مع الاحداث التي تطرأ وتظهر، وما يحدث فيها من كل تلك الصراعات الخطيرة التي لا تبشر بالخير، وانما تنذر بالخطر والويل الذى ينتظر المنطقة فى مستقبلها إذا لم يتم اصلاح الحال إلى ما هو افضل، وما ينبغى لها بان تلتزم به فى مساراتها نحو تحقيق الانجازات التي تحقق الرخاء والازدهار والرفاهية لشعوبها. إنه قد يكون هناك قناعة بما تسير فيه شعوب المنطقة، ولكنها تصطدم حين ترى الفجوة الهائلة بينها وبين حضارة العالم الحديثة من انجازات فى كافة المجالات والميادين هي أقرب للخيال، فيحدث الشعوب بانها تعيش فى وادى والعالم المتحضر فى وادى اخر، وتجد بانها محرومة من ان تحيا الحياة المناسبة والملائمة لحضارة العصر بما فيه من تقدم وانها تعيش فى وضعها المتأخر المتخلف. إن شعوب المنطقة ليست حيوانات تأكل وتشرب وتنام، وليس لها اية احلام وطموحات تريد بان تحققها، وان تصل إلى ما وصل إليه العالم الحديث من تحقيق هذه الانتصارات فى كافة التحديات التي تواجهها، وما يمكن بان تشارك وتساهم وتعطى وتحقق الانتصارات الهائلة فى مجالاتها التي تخصوص غمارها. إن المنطقة من الممكن بان تبقى على حالها، إذا عاشت منغلقة على نفسها، ولكن طالما انه قد حدث الانفتاح على العالم، وحضرت الشركات العملاقة لتندمج مع مجتمعات المنطقة، وان تجد لها اسواق وشعوب تندمج معها، فلا بد من ان يكون هناك التغير الذى يؤدي إلى هذه المواكبة، فلا يمكن بان نظل فى كسل وخمول وهناك من يعمل يهمة ونشاط ويؤدي من الاعمال والمهام الكثير لنهضة المجتمعات بالمنطقة. أن المنطقة من تحرز من الانتصارات فى ايا من المجالات والميادين على المستوى العالمى ايا من تلك التي تفخر بها مثل باقى شعوب العالم الذى يحصد الجوائز الدولية والكؤوس الذهبية والميداليات على مختلف تدرجاتها المتنوعة فى ايا من المونديالات او المسابقات التنافسية، رياضية كانت او ثقافية او علمية او فى ايا من باقى ميادين الحضارة الحديثة

التي تذخر بالكثير مما يمكن المشاركة فيه والمنافسة على الفوز.

إن هناك المتفائلين بما يمكن بان يكون عليه من اوضاع افضل فى المستقبل القريب والبعيد للمنطقة، وقد يكون معهم الكثيرين، ولكن لابد من ان يكون هناك من تلك النتائج الايجابية التي تبشر بهذا الوضع الذى فيه من الخير للمنطقة، وأنا معهم وندعمهم وندعم انفسنا بهذا الحلم فى مستقبل افضل سوف يكون يعم المنطقة، وهناك من المتشائمين الذين يروا بان المنطقة ستظل فى دوامة من الصراعات والنزاعات لا تنتهى إلا بمعجزة ونحن لسنا فى عصر المعجزات التي يمكن بان تعالج المشكلات والازمات المستعصية المتواجدة بالمنطقة، والتي ليست وليدة الامس القريب، وانما لها جذورها الممتدة فى التاريخ من تفاقم لازمات اصبحت فوق الطاقة والامكانية والقدرة على معالجاتها، وهناك لا يجب مطلقا بان يتسرب اليأس إلى القلوب فيصبح هناك مزيدا من تفاقم الازمات وصعوبتها وتعقيدها، ولا يمكن بان يتم التقدم خطوة واحدة إلى الامام من اجل الخروج من هذه الدوامة وهذه المتاهة التي وقعت فيها المنطقة، لا تجد من يمد لها يد العون من اجل الخلاص من هذه المعاناة المستمرة والمتواصلة التي لاتهدأ ولا تجد لها انفراجا مما قد اصبحت فيه.

إنه المسار نحو تحقيق الافضل يحتاج إلى الدعم الدائم والمستمر، وهناك الكثير مما لابد من دعمه بالاسلوب الصحيح فى تحقيق افضل الانجازات وما تحتاج إليه من متابعة واهتمام والسير قدما فى طريق النهضة الحضارية.

لا احد ينكر بان المنطقة وصلت إلى مرحلة من التردى السياسي والامنى الخطير، بحيث ان هناك محاولات ليست بالاختيارية ولكنها اجبارية من اجل إعادة الترتيب للبيت العربى، ولكن هناك شد وجذب وتوترات وتدهورات، ومن يقبل هذا الوضع ومن لا يقبله، ومن يريد بان يكون المسار نحو هذا الاتجاه، ولكن هناك من يروا العكس او خلاف ذلك. فهذا التعارض الشديد بين الاراء ووجهات النظر، وما يحدث فى اخذها والتعامل معها بالشكل العشوائى، هو الذى يؤدى إلى حدوث الفوضى العارمة، والتي لا يستطيع احد بان يقف امام هذه التيارات السياسية والفكرية الجارفة، التي تقود إلى لا مكان ولا موقع، يمكن بان نحدده، ونجد بان هناك الارض الصلبة التي يمكن الوقوف عليها، والتي يعتمد عليها فى اتخاذ المسار الصحيح نحو تحقيق افضل ما يمكن من انجازات حضارية فى كافة المجالات والميادين للمنطقة. إذا هناك إعادة بناء بالاسلوب الذى يجمع فيه الاغلبية عليه، وانما هو التعدد الذى يقود إلى

التشتت والتشعب، والذي يحتاج إلى الحكمة والحنكة والصواب والرشاد في التعامل مع الوضع الراهن بالمنطقة، والتي تتأثر وتؤثر في العالم والاحداث التي تدور فيه. إذا فلابد من ان يظهر العرب بالمظهر الحضارى، والذي يمكن له بان يرتقى إلى ارفع المستويات الحضارية في عالمنا المعاصر، يفيد ويستفيد، يأخذ ويعطى، ويتفاعل مع العالم بالاسلوب الايجابى الذى فيه النفع والخير فى نهاية المطاف بافضل والوسائل والاساليب الممكنة والمتاحة. فلا نصبح على الهامش فنبتعد عن المسار الحضارى، او نصبح فى العمق الذى لا نستطيع الخروج منه، او النجاة كما يجب. خير الامور الوسط، وما يمكن بان يحقق الاستمرارية والمواصلة فى كافة الظروف والمناسبات المختلفة والمتعددة والمتنوعة.

إن المنطقة تفتقد إلى النظام السياسى الحكيم والصحيح والسليم فى التعامل مع الازمات والمشكلات والمعضلات، فإنها هى التى تتسبب فى حدوث هذه الفوضى الشديدة والانفلات الامنى الخطير، والذي يقود إلى الانهيار والعصيان والتمرد، وكل تلك السلبيات والمساوى التى لا تسر عدو ولا حبيب، والنتائج التى لا تحمد عقباها. إن الازمات التى فى المنطقة ليست بجديدة، ولكن فى دول العالم المتقدم تم التعامل معها بالاسلوب الحضارى الصحيح والذي عالج هذه المشكلات والازمات بالاسلوب الذى استطاع فيه بان يسيطر على الازمة، وعالجها، ووجد لها الحل المناسب، والذي من خلاله، لم تحدث تلك النتائج السلبية او ظهور لهذه المساوى التى تظهر فى المنطقة، من تلك التصرفات التى تخرج عن الارادة، وتفقد السيطرة، وتؤدى إلى وخيم العواقب التى فيها من التدمير والهدم وليس البناء والاصلاح، والتريث فيما يجب بان يتم فى التصرفات الايجابية، وفقا للنظام الذى اهتم بالازمات الفردية والجماعية، ولم يعد هناك من يجد بانه قد ظلم، او تم التعدى على حقوقه، او انه اصبح ليس هناك من يهتم به ومشكلاته واجتياجاته ومتطلباته. إنها البنية الاساسية التى يجد فيها كل فرد وجماعة بانه يقف على ارض صلبة، وليس هناك من يسحب ما يقف عليه، ويعتمد عليه، ثم يجد بانه اصبح فى الهاوية، والمصير إلى الهلاك. إذا هناك فجوة حضارية بين المنطقة التى تعتبر من دول العالم النامى وبين الدول الحضارية المتقدمة التى استطاعت بان تكون القدوة فى ما لديها من نظام يساعد ويساند ويدعم افراده وجماعاته، فيصح فى الامان والاطمئنان المادى والمعنوى، وينظر للمستقبل نظرة تفاؤلية، وليست تشاؤمية ليس فيها من رجاء او تحقيق ايا من تلك الاولويات الضرورية ولا نقول الاولويات التكميلية،

إن عام 2012 مر وانتهى بافراحه واطراحه، وإن الجميع يتطلع ويتمنى بأن يكون عام 2013 أفضل وفي من الخير والمعالجات لأزمات المنطقة والعالم.

قد يكون هناك سلبيات ومساوئ بالمنطقة، وهذا شئ وارد، ويجب بأن يوضع فى الحسبان، وإن كل مجتمعات العالم فيها من هذه المساوئ والعيوب التى يتم التعامل معها من خلال المعالجات الايجابية والصحيحة، والخروج من تلك الازمات التى تمر بها، ويصبح هناك الوضع الافضل فى مسار يحتذى به ويصبح قدوة يعتد بها. إن المنطقة لها تاريخها المجيد، ومرت على الكثير من الازمات الخطيرة خلال القرون الماضية، ولم تندمج مع العالم الحديث بالوضع الصحيح بأن يكون لها ثقلها السياسى والاجتماعى والحضارى، ولكن هناك من يحارب هذا الاندماج والانفتاح على العالم المعاصر، من الغرب والشرق، فى العلن والخفاء. كل هذه الاستفزازات هى من اجل ان تظل المنطقة فى انعزالها عن العالم لا تستطيع بأن تساهم وتشارك وتخوض المنافسات فى كافة المجالات والميادين، وإن يصبح لها دورها القيادى فى المجتمع الدولى.

المنافسات الهائلة بين شركات العالم العملاقة يسير فى طريقه الحضارى، يحقق الانجازات الهائلة وتوفير كافة وسائل الراحة والبساطة والسهولة فى التعامل مع منتجاتها وسلعها وخدماتها، بحيث تستطيع بأن تحقق المزيد من النجاح والوصول إلى القمة، وإن تظل متربعة على عرشها. إن هذه المنافسات ليست بالسهولة فى عالم كثرت فيه هذه الانجازات الحضارية التنافسية بكم وسرعة هائل.



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حياة ... مجالات

علاقات معاملات

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تتادى تجاب ... ورحمة وصفاء... وجد يهاب ولا بأس بلهو قليل

طيور تطير ... وانهار تفيض ... وامطار تسيل وكلا فى وحال جميل

نسير بدون وعى او بوعى فماذا يفيد ... مسئوليات والتزامات ... لها تكيل

طريق البساطة والشطارة فيه تريد ومنه تستفيد والصعوبة تزيل

وأختفاء الكثير الذى فيه تعقيد .. ومنه تريد وللحضارة الحديثة عميل

مالك مش تقدر الوقت والعطاء

وكنت عايش فى حالك وبدون غطاء

واصبحت تعانى فى وحدة وقضاء

وكنت تحاول فى تحقيق العز والرخاء

اسافر بلدان ... مدن حضارات حديثة وقديمة

لها رونق جميل غريب عجيب وعيق التاريخ

هذا وصف الحال قبل بضع سنين وسيتم إلى حين ..

دنيا اتغيرت ... وحاجات او انجازات زادت .. من حضارة سادت

وسرعة نعيشها ... رغم اننا نسير ببطء شديد

أعطى كل من يريد من الخير الوفير .... ولكن العلم والمعرفة ده شئ اكيد

ربنا يرزقنا جميعا من كرمه ومنه ... ولا تنسى الانخار والتوفير

ونحافظ على ما لدينا ... وتصرف سديد ورشيد .. وندعو كل يوم بدون تبرير

هل انتهينا ام لمن ننتهى .. مما نؤديه .. هل بقى شئ أم كل تحول إلى ما نريد او لا نريد

خبرنا الحياة ... وفيها ومنها لانمين

غير غافلين او نائمين

نريد فيها الخير ... وعن الشر بان نكون مبعدين

ولكنها الاهواء تعصف حتى بالمسالمين

والحذر واجب .. وان لا نكون غافلين

نواصل طريقا فيه .... فيه نضل في المعاناة غير قانعين

نفوز احيانا ... ولكن لحظات قصار فيها غانمين

وتعود الاوضاع للرنابة ... وللتغير نضل منتظرين

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## الحديقة العامة ... السلام

إنه يسير فى تلك الحديقة العامة القريبة من منزله، ومعه صديقه عبدالحي ورؤوف، وقد وصلوا إلى تلك الكافتيرا التى امام البحيرة الصناعية، والتى يصفوا مانها وتنعكس عليها الاضواء، واصبح منظرها رائع خلاب يخطف الابصار. وبعد ان أخذوا امكانهم على تلك المقاعد التى تكون دائرة حول الطاولة المستديرة وعليها الاكواب الفاغة للمياة المعدنية، حيث القارورة المتواجدة بينهم.

وبعد ان اخذوا امكانهم على المقاعد وحول الطاولة، دار الحديث بينهم، فى العديد من المواضيع المتنوعة. فهم يتحدثوا عن اخبارهم وما يحدث فى عوائهم واسرهم، ومن تصرفات بعض الافراد، وكيف يعيشوا حياتهم، وما هى الاحداث التى تمر بهم، وان هذا شئ مألوف ومعتاد فى مثل تلك المجتمعات وبين الافراد والجماعات من اهل وجيران واصدقاء. فإنها بساطة تلك الايام والحياة الهادئة المستقرة التى يعيشونها، بعيدا عن تقيدات الحياة التى تواجه كل انسان بعد ذلك، حيث مر الايام وجرى السنين، وتكاثر الاعباء والمسئوليات وتراكم الالتزامات، والضعف والوهن الذى يصب الانسان من عوامل الزمن وكبر السن. إنها أيام الصيف الحار، ولكنهم فى الليل السامر والهواء البارد والجميل الذى يأتهم من كل جانب، ولم يستعد ايا منهم بملابس ثقيله، إنهم بالبنطلونات وال تي شيرت، حيث هذه ملابس الصيف ومثل هذه الاجواء، وعلى كلا فهو جو مازال مقبول، ويمكن تحمل هذه النسمات اللطيفة الجميلة من الهواء البارد، وأن كان يشتد برودة كلما تأخر الوقت ليلا.

فتحدث رؤوف وقال متسائلا هل من الممكن أهله من أجل الحصول على أيا من تلك الرغبات والاحتياجات المشروعة والتى تكاد تكون مستحيلة فى مجتمعنا هذا، وهو رغم ذلك يعيش فى حنائهم ودفنهم، وهذه الاشياء التى لان تنفع فى بناء مستقبل، او يغير من أجل اوضاع افضل، وفى تحقيق ما يسعى الانسان من أجله. فعندك محمود سامى صديقنا، الذى سافر منذ شهور إلى فرنسا، ويقال أنه قرر الهجرة إليها بحيث



يظل هناك سنوات عديدة حتى يحصل على الجنسية، ويريد بان يعيش هناك حياته بعد ان يأس من ايجاد الحياة الكريمة ويحقق طموحاته والتي تدعم هناك ومستحيلة هنا. إنها الضغوط الحياة الصعبة واعبائها، التي جعلته يهاجر ويترك بلده الواسعة الشاسعة الاطراف بمدنها الجميلة وناسها الطيبين ودفئها وجوها الجميل. إنه ليس وحده، و لكن كل الشباب يسافر ويطلب الهجرة إلى تلك الدول الاجنبية التي توفر لهم ما يريدوا من حياة احسن وافضل، مما هو في بلادهم من حيث الرخاء الاقتصادي والاجتماعي، والمستويات المعيشية الافضل. فرد عليه عبدالحى ولما لا؟ فإن ضاقت عليكم الارض بما فرحت فأسعوا في مناكبها، والهجرة والسفر من الاشياء المشروعة والمحمودة، وليس فيها ما يعيب، وانما هؤلاء يريدوا بان يبدأوا حياتهم من جديد، وان يكافحوا لصلوا إلى تحقيق ما يسعوا من أجله كل انسان منا، في حياة هادئة آمنة مستقرة، ويكون له شأنه وكيانه فيها واهميته، في المجتمع الذي يعيش فيه.

وقد كنت اتابع الحوار بينهما، ولم اتدخل كعادتي في الحوار إلى حين يشتد النقاش بينهما، واعلق ع لى ما تجود به قريحتي من آراء، واضرب الامثلة إذا كان هناك شئ منها في هذا القبيل، أو احل الامر والحدث، ونحاول بان نصل إلى افضل تلك النتائج الممكنة، او حتى تغيير الموضوع في نهاية المطاف، إذا طالت المناقشة ولم نصل إلى نتيجة ترضى جميع الاطراف، وكلا يظل محتفظا برأيه كما هو، ووجهة نظره حيال هذه النقاط والجوانب في الحياة التي تم التطرق إليها. إن رؤوف يتحدث وينظر إلى الامور نظرة موضوعية، وهنا يعلق ويسألني ما رأيك، في هذا الموضوع، ولكن لم يكن لدى تعليق، واخبرتهم بان موضوع السفر والهجرة وخاصة بين السباب ، هو شئ حيوي وتتحدث عنه وسائل الاعلام المختلفة هذه الايام، والجدل كبير في هذا الموضوع، فهناك من يؤيد ويدعم ويوافق على السفر واهجرة للشباب، حيث يمكن بان يكونوا سفراء لبلادهم، وصورة مشرفة للمجتمعاتهم في الخارج، حيث البطالة في مجتمعاتنا، والكثير من الفرص الضائعة، وايضا يمكن بان يكون هناك المزيد من تدفق العملة الصعبة، يمكن بان تتم عن طريقهم على المدى المتوسط او البعيد. والرأى الآخر يعارض وبشدة حيث انه اهدار لطاقات السباب، حيث المجتمع الذي انجبهم وصرف عليها الكثير من أجل تعليمهم، خلال مراحل دراستهم وعلاجهم وتوفير الكثير من الخدمات لهم، ولا بد من

ان يعود نفعها على مجتمعاتهم بدعمهم لها وعلى بلادهم بكل خير يرجى وينتظر،  
وأنهم الثروة الحقيقة التي تستثمر فيهم. وبذلك يكون الوضع افضل لهم ولنا، وايضا  
قد يحدث الكثير من تلك الانحرافات وخاصة بين الشباب، والذي قد يصطدم بين  
واقعه المر والاليم، والواقع المتحضر والاكثر رخاءا وتقدما فى الحضارة الحديثة.  
ومازالوا يتحدثوا وفد احضر الجرسون الطلبات، فمن طلب المشروبات الدافئة مثل  
الينسون، ومنهم من طلب المشروبات الباردة من عصيرات طبيعية كالبرتقال. إنه  
مرحلة من اجمل المراحل وفيها اجل اللحظات التي يمروا بها، والتي قد لا تعود  
وتتكرر مرة اخرى، فيما بينهم بنفس هذا الصفاء والود والحالة النفسية والوجدانية،  
والجو الجميل الرائع والهدوء الذى يسودهم، حيث المسئوليات مازالت خفيفة،  
والالتزامات ايضا كذلك، ولذلك فإنهم ايضا يتحدثوا فيما بينهم.

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ونهر جارى على مر الزمان  
وطريق نسير فيه بنور وعلم وايمان

ونخاف ان نضل فنهوى فى جحيم ونيران  
واروع ما يروى لنا الايام على مر الزمان

من حكايات وقصص فيها عبر ومأسى وفكاهة ونسيان  
وسجلات لنا فيها بياض وفيها سواد وفيها الوان

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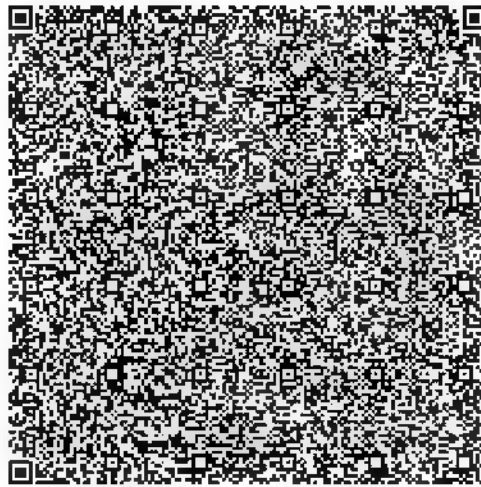
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وتظله فی آخرته وبعد مماته ... سیره عطره

وتخلد ذکراه .. ویصبح نتاجه عماده



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### ❏ المنطقة تأخرت كثيرا

العرب ومسارهم وصورهم المؤلمة من لوضع الذى بطالعا على واقع مر اصحت فيه المنطقة، وكيف وحدا ان هناك من كان فى تلك المستويا ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ دوامة المعاناة التى تعيشها المنطقة

لعرب ومسارهم فى البهضة الحصارية و لسير قدما نحو تحقيق افضل ما يمكن مما سوف يكون له دوره واثره الايجابى ولفعال فى حصاره ال ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ الدواء المر ... والمسار المضي

هل نجرع العرب الدواء المر من اجل لشفاء مما ألم بهم من معاناة ومصاعب وبعقيدت ومسارات عبر أمة لعواقب، فلاند من ان يكون هيا ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ معارك مع الحياة

عام هجرى انتهى وهناك آخر عام ميلادى سوف ينتهى وحدثت مرت على المنطقة والعالم فيه الكثير من تلك الامور التى قد نعرض لبعضها، وا ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ ألم يحن الوقت بعد

ألم يحن الوقت بعد من اجل استقرار المنطقة و لعيام بالمشروعات العملاقة التى هى من طموحات المنطقة فى بان يصبح هناك لبهضة الحص ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ اندماجات فيها من الفشل

اندماجات فيها من الفشل ان هناك من الامور الخطيرة لتي نهدد الامة العربية والاسلامية وبالتالي العالم اجمع، فهذه امور اصحت ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ حالة فريدة ... والطريق المنير

الكل فى صدمة مما يحدث فى المنطقة من هذه التغيرات لتي حدثت من جراء صدمة او موعد قد ارفى لحدوث هذا التغير التاريخى والجدري فى ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ لن يكون سهلا .... بين يوم وليلة

انها احدث شديدة لوطأة على المنطقة بحب بان يتم العمل على تحب اثارها السلبية ومساوئها التى نتج عنها، ولها خطرها لممتد جعر ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ رؤية صحيحة وفكر صائب ومنهج سليم

قد يكون هناك من تلك السلبيات والمساوئ التى تحتاج إلى معالجات جذرية، و ن نوصع الحلول وما يلزمها من اجراءات نتخذ فى هذ الشأن، ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ الحاضر والواقع مؤلم

انها الاحداث بالمنطقة لتي تسير على وتيرة بان التغير لاند منه ونا قد اصحنا فى مرحلة مختلعة عما سبق، وان لاند من ان بدأ مر ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٤ نحن ... وعالم اليوم المعاصر

إن هناك أزمات سياسية فيها من خلاف وجهات النظر، ولتى فيها من المصالح التى يحاول فيها كل طرف بأن يحافظ على ما لديه، وما يمكن ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٥ وهذا ما لا يرتضيه احد

كلما يعلم ما يحدث فى المنطقة فى هذه المرحلة التاريخية والانتقالية من اوضاع وحول كابت ومصت، وما سوف يكون من وضاغ واحول حدي ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٦ بين الواقع والتوقعات

كان هناك التوقعات بأن دول الربيع العربى سوف تكون قدوة فى النظام السياسى الجديد لدى سوف يختاره الشعب، من اجل ان يحيا الحياة ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٧ مختلف المجالات والميادين

كان هناك التوقعات بأن دول الربيع العربى سوف تكون قدوة فى النظام السياسى الجديد لدى سوف يختاره الشعب، من اجل ان يحيا الحياة ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٨ محاولات الانتفاذ والتوترات المستمرة

سوف تكون هناك وضاغ مستحدة فى المنطقة هذا مما لاشك فيه، وانه يجب بأن يكون هناك المسار الصحيح نحو الافضل فى تحقيق افضل ما يمكن ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٩ الاعداد الجيد والمناسب

ما يحدث الآن على لساحة عربية وما قد وصلت إليه التطورات السياسية من عصف واضطرابات ومظاهرات فى الكثير من الدول التى ادهلت ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٠ المزيد من المعاناة، والخطر المتربص

إنها مارلت بعفس التوترات التى لم نهذاً منذ سنوات، وما يتوحد من صراعات بالمنطقة منها لدخلية التى اشتدت فيها الوطأة، واصبح هى ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦١ الحياة التى نعيشها

إن لحياة التى نعيشها مليئة بالصعوبات والتعقيدات وهكذا خلقها الله، وبه لابد من التعب والمشقة من اجل الوصول إلى تحقيق رغبات ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٢ وجهات نظر

من الذى يحدث العوضى فى المنطقة، وما هى لاسباب لذلك؟ هل هى وجهات نظر فردية او جماعية و طائفة نصل إلى حدوث هذه الاحداث التى ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٣ الدعم الازم والمناسب

مراحل مرت بها المنطقة ليست بالسهلة على شعوبها وما يمكن بأن يكون هناك من تلك الانحازات الحصارية لتي تتحقق فى مجتمعاتها، فلات ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٤) نبع من حقب زمنية

المبطقة تريد ان تصل إلى افضل لمستويات الحصارية وتحقيق رقى الانجازات للعصر الذى يعيشه العالم اليوم، وهذا لا يمكن بان يتحقق ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٥) التغير المطلوب

المبطقة والتطورات المتوفرة التى تحدث بها، وما أصبح هناك من هذه الاوضاع لدخلة لتى تغلق لجميع، والمرحلة التى نمر بها من تو ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٦) ما زالت اثارها باقية

ما الذى حدث فى المرحلة التاريخية لاجيرة فى الشرق الاوسط، من خلال منغيراب حدريه فى يصع لدول لها تأثيرها الكثير والخطير على ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٧) بين الحين والآخر

مسارات فى المبطقة اصحت عبر واضحة المعالم، فهناك من هو متعائل مما سوف يتلور عنه مستقبل الامة، من افضل الاوضاع السياسية بما ي ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٨) العلم والمعرفة ونافذة على العالم

محتمعات فيها من المنغيرات ولتطورات، والذى قد يكون فى جميع دول لعالم، وهذا ما يحدث فى لحياة وفى عالما اليوم لدى يعيشه، ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٩) حالة مختلفة ... التعامل مع التطورات

حال الامة العربية خلال قرن من لزمان، و حتى نصف قرن من الزمان، هل نغير ونبدل من حال إلى ما هو فصل، لاشك بان هناك منغيرات ك ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٠) رؤية ضبابية

الاستمرار فى مشكلات سياسية لا تنتهى بالمبطقة، وما قد يصاحبها من تطورات اخرى فى مشكلات قد لا تكون على البال، مما يؤدي إلى ح ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦١) زيادة عن المألوف

الارمات السياسية التى يحدث فى المبطقة ليست بالسهلة، وانما هى من اعقد الارمات فى العالم، والتى يحتاج إلى ان يكون هناك تلك المع ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٢) افضل النتائج المرجوة والمنشودة

الفرص التى نتاج من احل لقيام بالتعاون للارم فى مختلف المجالات والميادين، لايد بان تستغل افضل استغلال، وان يتم العمل على الى ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٣) السير فى امان وتجنب الاخطار

إبها حالات التكنللات التى لايد منها فى عالما المعاصر، فما يحدث من تعاون فى ية مجال وخاصة ميد ن السياسية والاقتصاد هو من تلك ..... [المزيد](#)



### ٥٤ لماذا تعيش الأمة في الاحزان

مسارات صبحت مشبعة تحتاج إلى أن تصل إلى الاستقرار المشهود، وما يمكن أن يكون هناك من المعالجات والحلول للارمة للمعضلات التي ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ تفاؤل حذر والاحتمالات الممكنة

إن هناك المسار الذي اختارته المنطقة من أجل استقرارها وصلاح الأوضاع بها، مسار السلام الذي يشهده الجميع، ولكن يجب أن يكون في ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ الظروف الصعبة والقريب أو البعيد

توترت المنطقة ومسارات مشبعة، وفصايا حيوية وحوهرية في سطور المعالجات والحلول الحدية، وبهناك الوضع المستقر لشعوب المنطقة ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ السياسة الحكيمة

إن لمنطقة تسير في طريق ملئ بالتوترات السياسية التي تحتاج إلى تلك السياسة لحكمة التي تعيد الاستقرار إليها، وما يمكن أن يؤ ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ بدء التعامل مع المراحل الجديد

إنها تلك العوامل والمؤثرات التي تصافرت من أجل حدوث هذه الهزات السياسية الهائلة في المنطقة التي تعج بالمشكلات منذ القدم، ولم ت ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ تساؤلات تظل مستمرة

تساؤلات تظل مستمرة في ظل حالة التوترات السياسية حول امكانية حدوث استقرار في المنطقة في المرحلة المقبلة نهض بالأمة نحو أوضاع ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ ما نسعى من أجله

إننا قد نرى كل تلك التحديات من حيث من يحاولون بأن يرفعوا إلى الدرجات الأعلى، والذي من شأنها بأن يحتاج إلى تلك المواضع اللازم ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ في الميزان .. نجاح وفشل

سيظل هناك التساؤل المستمر عن سياسات التوترات المنطقة بهذا الأسلوب الذي فيه استمرار وتواصل لا ينقطع، وما قد أصبح هناك من رفض لل ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ التعامل بالحكمة

مازالت الأوضاع السياسية في المنطقة لا تسير فيها من التوترات السياسية ما يفلق، ونحتاجه شعوب المنطقة من استقرار لم يتحقق بعد، حي ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ الداء الذي اصاب الأمة

إننا في مآرق عربي لا يعلم أحد كيف يمكن الخروج منه. إننا نحاول بأن نستعين بالدول الكبرى في حل مشاكلنا، والدول الكبرى تلجأ إلى ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٤ إن هناك تطلعات من أجل المعرفة

الانسان يحوص في كل المجالات والميادين، ما قد يكون ضروري وهام ويعبر من الاساسيات في الحياة، وايضا يحوص فيما قد يكون من الكمال ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ المستقبل بين التفاؤل والتشاؤم

هل هناك لتفاؤل من مستقبل مشهود سنعيشه شعوب لمطقة بعد كل هذه الاحداث الهائلة التي نشهدها المنطقة في هذه المرحلة الحرجة من ت ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ المشهد الحالي والتطورات المثيرة للجدل

هل ستكون لاوزاع فصل في مستقبل مشرق تشهده شعوب المنطقة، من اجل انتهاء المعاناة والصعوبات والتعقيدات في شئون حياتهم والندهور ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ الوضع الجديد والمستقبل

هل سيصبح هناك الوضع الجديد الذي فيه تحقيق ما تشهده شعوب لمطقة من تلك الحياة السياسية لسليمة و لصحيحة التي لبس فيها ما يعكر ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ نعم يا سيدي الفاضل

إن لمحاولات من حل وضع المعالجات والحلول من خلال السياسيات الاقليمية والدولية تسير على قدم وساق في لاطار المحدد لها، ومحاول ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ اسس جديدة حديثة

إن هناك تطورات سياسية تحدث في المنطقة تعالج ما قد وصلت إليه الاوزاع من تدهور يحتاج إلى سرعة تدارك وابقاد قبل حدوث لمريد مما ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ باخلاص واتقان وامانة

إن هناك واقع جديد ومختلف في المنطقة التي تعبر وتطور فيها لاحداث بشكل كبير لم يكن متوقع على الاطلاق، بان يكون هناك مثل هذا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ من أجل الإصلاح ومشاركات ومساهمات

تطورات المنطقة تسير في طريق بحيث يمكن بان يكون هناك ما تشهده شعوب المنطقة، فالاوزاع اصبح في حالة مختلفة وتشهد منغيرات يمكن ب ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ مستقبل جديد .. مختلف جنريا

إذا هناك ما يمكن بان يكون له بحاياته وسلبياته في تحقيق ما تشهده شعوب المنطقة في خلال العترة القادمة التي ستكون مرحلة جديدة ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ تحولات جنرية .. ومسار جديد

إن لصعوبات والتعقيدات في منطقة الشرق الاوسط ترداد اتساعا، ولا يجد من يستطيع بان يعالج القضايا التي تعج بها لمطقة من اقصى ال ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٤ متغيرات هائلة

إن هناك متغيرات هائلة قد حدثت في المنطقة والتي أصبح فيها سياسيات محللة عما كان عليه الوضع في السابق، وما وصلت إليه الأمور من ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٥ نحو حياة أفضل

إن هناك حالة من التردى الشديد في منطقة الشرق الأوسط سياسيا، حيث إن متطلبات لاصلاح كثيرة، وتحسين مستويات المعيشة التي يجب أن ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٦ كنا نصعد كنا نكافح

كيف يمكن أن نحافظ ونحمي مجتمعنا كيف يمكن أن نحقق أهدافا كيف يمكن أن نبنى ونصوب مشأتنا كيف يمكن أن يكون لنا أمان في ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٧ صوت الالام والاحزان

إن لوضع العربي صبح في حالة من التوتر السياسي والتدهور الامنى الذى يحتاج إلى أن يكون هناك صمام الامان والطريق المؤدى إلى الا ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٨ الكل كان متفانلا ... لحل ايجابي في المرحلة المقبلة

فريسا مثلها مثل ية دولة في لعالم تريد أن تناقش مشكلاتها الداخلية ونضع لها الحلول لماسية لتى نحافظ على كيانها ونبعد عنها ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٩ الاندماج الحضارى ... مسار اجبارى

إن ما وصلت إلى الأوضاع في منطقة الشرق الأوسط من لتوترات لسياسية لا يمكن أن يتم فصلها عن عملية السلام في لشرق الأوسط حيث ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٠ الافتراس الطبعي والحضارى

كيف يمكن التعامل مع الخاصر من خلال رؤية الماضى الذى اصبحنا نألم منه فى ما قد حدث من كل تلك الاحداث المأساوية التى برها من ح ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦١ الكثير من تلك المتغيرات والتطورات

إن لدى يحدث الآن في المنطقة من صراع قديمة و اخرى حديثة هي مأساة لأمة العربية تصاف إلى مأساتها المترابدة ولمستمره عبر العصور ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٢ ماذا يحدث في منطقة الشرق الأوسط

إن الذى يحدث الآن في المنطقة من صراع قديمة و اخرى حديثة هي مأساة لأمة العربية تصاف إلى مأساتها المترابدة ولمستمره عبر العصور ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٣ في مستقبل قريب

إن العصر الذى بعيشه حدث فيه طفرة تقنية هائلة، دت إلى حدوث متغيرات وتطورات بل وفقرات متسارعة في القيام باده الكثير من المها ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٤ في بلادنا ... من أجل الأفضل

ما وصلت إليه الأوضاع في المنطقة أصبح في غاية التوتر والدهور السياسي الذي يحتاج إلى أن يكون هناك عودة إلى الاستقرار والهدوء ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٥ الانجراف نحو الهاوية

إن لمرحلة الحالية من الكثير من القضايا العربية اصحت في حالة تطورات شديدة، سوف يكون لها تأثيرها الهائل في مستقبل المنطقة، وا ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٦ مرحلة تاريخية جديدة

ما يحدث الآن في المنطقة من تطورات سياسية قد جعل هناك مرحلة تاريخية جديدة تعيشها المنطقة من خلال أن يكون هناك استقرار أو ما يؤ ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٧ مشروع حضارى .... فكر وتنفيذ

بدىا دائما مرفوعة مطالبا دائما مشروعة بررع وبحصد وبطور وبسنعين التعاوى البطئ والسريع حديث و خلاف فى رؤية لآخرين فب ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٨ بدون بنج أو مخدر موزعى او كلى اجري الطبيب للمريض عملية جراحية

إنه له أسلوب استورده من من اية بلاد لا ندري فالعالم فسيح أو اية فكر شيطاني لينم ... أنه بعد بأس مرير ما تنظر بان يكون ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٩ قلب موازين سياسية واجتماعية

لبان لها وضع يختلف كثيرا عن باقي الدول العربية من حيث طبيعتها السياسية وما فيها من طوائف متعددة ومذاهبات ولها ايضا تاريخها وح ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٠ الوضع الراهن وما يتم بناءه او حصاده

إنها مراحل يمر بها وفيها يتم القيام بما يحب عليه بان يكون وفقا للكثير من تلك الاعتبارات التى تتحدد بناء على شخصياتنا، وما يم ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦١ نوعا من الغرابة والتساؤلات

الانسان البصير قد يفعل عما يتناوله من طعام، وقد يصيبه المرض نتيجة ما تناوله من طعمة قد تكون فاسدة و ملوثة او ما شابه ذلك، أ ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٢ الكثير من المخاطر

مازلت اسرئيل حكومة وشعبا تنعطش إلى لحرب على المدن العربية المحتلة وخاصة هذه لمدينة الباسلة الصامدة الماصلة والمكبوة عرة ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٣ ثورات في المنطقة

إن هناك محاولات من أجل السلام يقوم بها الطرفين العربى ولاسرائيلى من أجل تحقيق الاتفاق النهائي للسلام وانهاء الصراع العربى ال ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٤ فن التعامل مع اسباب النجاح

الوضع لراهى فى عرة حظير وفى امس الحاجة إلى الانقاد مما آلت إليه الاوضاع المأرمة بظر للحصار وما يحدث من الاعداءات الاسرائي ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ بين الحين والآخر

هناك كارثة حظيرة حلت على اليابان من جراء الزلزال المدمر لدى وقع فى الايام القليلة الماضية ومازالت هناك نوبعه وما تأثرت به م ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ نعم استطيع التغيير ....

هناك اصّر عربى على ان لا يكون هناك اية تدخلات حسيية فى الشئون لد حلية للدول العربية، وما يحدث فى اية دولة عربية من تطورات ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ التحديات ليست بالسهلة

الكل بعدد حساباته فى كفاءة التعامل مع الاحداث الراهنة بالمنطقة ولتطورات السياسة الاحيرة التى حدثت، وادب إلى حدوث ما لم يكن ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ انظار العالم نحو الشرق الاوسط

ليس لاحد فصل على المتغيرات والتطورات التى تحدث فى المنطقة وتؤدى إلى انهيارات سياسية فهى مثل الحمل الذى ثقل على الدابة فوقعت، ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ دول العالم النامي

فوضى عارمة فى منطقة الشرق الاوسط، لشعوب تنور على حكامها، ترفض مريدا من الاوضاع المتردية سياسيا و اقتصاديا، وتريد التغيير. هذه ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ فى ظل خضم الاحداث الراهنة

العرب فى مرحلة تعتبر من اعقد مراحل تاريخها، حيث هناك الصراعات لخارجية اي مع العالم فى تحديات حضارية معاصرة، وفى الوقت نفسه ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ شديدة الخطورة

إن ما حدث فى تونس ثورة على اوضاع كانت شديدة الخطورة لم تكن واضحة لمعالم سواء على المستوى العربى و لاقليمى او العالمى، إن ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ ما حدث من خلل

ما يحدث فى لعالم لعربى من اضطرابات سياسية فى هذه المرحلة من الخطورة بحيث بها فى تشكيل ما قد يكون تاريخ حديد فى الشرق الاوس ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ إلى متى سنظل فى مأساة؟

إلى متى سنظل عرة فى مأساة تعيشها تحت يراى الكيان الصهيونى الذى يستمر فى القيام بالعارات الجوية والعسكرية و لقيام بقصف المشأ ..... [المريد](#)

### ⚡ ضررها أكثر من نفعها

إن اليأس الفلسطيني يستوجب اتحاد مثل هذه القرارات والخطوات من أجل إعلان الدولة الفلسطينية طالما أنه ليس هناك من يستطيع القيام ..... [المزيد](#)

### ⚡ المزيد من العراقيل

إن عملية لسلام متعثرة وهذا هو الوضع الحالي، و لكل يدرك جيد لماذا هذه الحالة الصعبة والمعقدة التي وصلت إليها عملية السلام في ..... [المزيد](#)

### ⚡ صل نفسك بالعالم أينما رحلت أو حلت

فيما يبدو بأنه سوف يكون لانتزعت من الضرورات التي لن يستغنى عنها في حياته، سواء أ: ن في بلده أو في سفيراته، مثل باقي الصرو ..... [المزيد](#)

### ⚡ في انتظار ما يخبئه المجهول

مارال هناك العقبة التي تعترض طريق السلام لاستبطان الذي يرفعه العرب وبصر عليه لاسرائيليين وبذلك توقف المعاصات المباشرة والعى ..... [المزيد](#)

### ⚡ في غاية الأهمية

إن لرئيس لفلسطينى فى صراعه مع رئيس الوزراء الاسرائيلى فى محاولة المعالجة لفعالة ولايتحابة للعصلات لوضع الراهى فى الصرا ..... [المزيد](#)

### ⚡ قضايا هامة

هناك الكثير من تلك المشكلات التي قد تعترض الطريق من وقت إلى آخر ويسعى لنا أن ندرك حديد كل ما لابد لنا من القيام به بالأسلو ..... [المزيد](#)

### ⚡ احترم نفسك يحترمك الآخرين

إن نركبا دولة سلاميه وبها من المساحد الحديثة ولقديمة والتاريخية والمناحف والاثار لاسلامية التي قد لا تتواجد في اية دولة اح ..... [المزيد](#)

### ⚡ حياة مليئة بالآلام والأحزان

إسا قد نجد أنفسنا نعيش في مأساة حقيقية، وبحنا إلى أن يكون هناك لوضع المناسب لكل فرد وفقاً لكل تلك لأصول ولأعراف الت ..... [المزيد](#)

### ⚡ هناك تهاون ... وهذه الهزات

إن هناك مرحلة في غاية الخطورة سوف تمر على الأمة العربية ولاسلامية من جراء كل تلك المستحدثات التي تحدث والتي انعكست ولم نعد في ..... [المزيد](#)

### ⚡ المازق ... امام الجميع

عمل يدل على مدى الحقد المتوحد لدى الآخر تجاه الاسلام بل الديانات السماوية جمعاء. إنه الانتقام لاعمى لدى يقود إلى تدمير ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٤ بعيدة عن العقل والمنطق

إب امريكا وضعت كل تلك السائج التى توصل إليها المبعوث الأمريكى ميتشل فى جولاته لمكوكية للمطفة، والقيام بالدراسات والابحاث  
..... المريد

### ٥٥ الكلام فيما قل وجل

سبحان الله والحمد لله نساق إليها كل نية ونطاوع كل طوية، ونجمع عليها اشئناات الربيه، لحمد لله نستهل بها الغمام، وينهل البدر  
..... المريد

### ٥٦ إمكانية التعامل مع مختلف الظروف

إمكانية التعامل مع مختلف تلك الظروف التى قد تستجد، ونشأ فى كثير والعديد من تلك المتغيرات التى تصيح فى أشكال مختلفة،  
وحد ..... المريد

### ٥٧ مع الاثير، رسالة

الحمد لله الذى اسع اعامه باطبا وطاهر، وسوع افضاله هاملا وهامرا، واعجر عى وصف آلائه باطما وبائرا، وقهر الخلق باهيا وامرا،  
..... المريد

### ٥٨ لقد حانت اللحظة الحاسمة

إب لجر يتسبب فى الكثير من لادى للأساس فى اية مكاب واية رماى، وهو مالممكن بان يؤدى إلى استعال الحرئى، وكثيرا ما نسمع  
ذلك، ..... المريد

### ٥٩ منافذ الأفكار والأراء

لا أحد يكر أن الأكتشافات لعلمية الحديثة ساهمت فى حد كبير فى أسعاد البشرية على مر العصور وأن فى هذا الكون حفايا لايعلما  
إلا ..... المريد

### ٦٠ مع المساكين والفقراء

مع لمساكين ولعقراء فى الحورى والاكواح فى الليل وفى النهار فى الخير والشر فى الرخاء والفحط دائما معاهم ... افرح  
واحزن ..... المريد

### ٦١ الخطر لم يزول بعد

إب ما يحدث من بعثر فى عودة المفاوضات المباشرة او لغير مباشرة بين لطرفين العربى والاسرائيلى هو من اجل مريدا من تلك  
العقيد ..... المريد

### ٦٢ صدقة يتبعها اذى

لايد إداً من وضوح الرؤية التى قد تكون غامضة ومشوبة، وذلك نظراً للكثير من تلك العوامل المؤثرة فى هذه الأحوال، من حيث  
التعاطف ..... المريد

### ٦٣ اطباء .. خبراء .. علماء

كيف نكون من المجهول والمعلوم فبحى فى مساربا يؤدى دوار لها يكون ويحاول بان تدوم وهم لهم مسارات تؤدى دوار قد لا يعلمها  
له ..... المريد

### ٥٤ كيف كان وكيف يكون

المباشرات من اجل الاتفاق او الاعتراض الحاصر ولمستقبل كيف كان وكيف يكون الاعتراض من اجل لحفاظ على لحقوق العامة والخاصة ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ شباب اليوم والغد

أنا اهم وافضل مرة حري بعد ان كانت غير الحدود والبحار فأصحت في العمل ووضح النهار ثم في المبرك وفي المأوى والابحار ثم م ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ البداية ... واحلام .... وطموحات

فراع فضاء ناس رحام صحيح سكون هدوء صراح تسلط في العلن والخفاء بمكر وعباء بكاء وكوارث ونكبات وفكر ليس فيه دكاء او د ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ النقاط الواضحة المعالم

إن هناك اعصار مدمر في عمان يجب بان يتم الاعانة باسر ع ما يمكن وان يكون هناك تلك الجهات العربية والافليمية والدولية في ا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ الظاهر الجميل .. والالم الدفين

الظاهر الجميل .. والالم لدفين هل آن للقدس بان تعود وهل لها سنعيد محدا نليد هل سنتحرر ارض فيها احتلال بعيص كتيب ام هل سي ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ هذه الفترة والمرحلة الحرجة

ان ما يريد لعرب في قصينهم مع الصراع العربي لاسرائيلي هو الحصول على حقوقهم المشروعة، والمدعمة دوليا، ولكن نجد بان اسرائيل ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ الطوارئ التي تستلزم اليقظة

إنه قد هناك تلك الرؤية المختلفة التي تتم من خلال اكتساب الخبرات في محال ما، ويمكن بان يتم من خلالها التعامل مع كل ما قد اصب ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ المناهج المتبعة والاساليب والطرق التقليدية والحديثة

إن هناك الكثير مما يحتاج إلى ان نعرف عليه ولدى لا يمكن بان يتم في مرحلة واحدة، او في فترة واحدة، ولابد من التدرج من اجل ا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ حضور الجدد - الاستعدادات اللازمة

إننا نسير في مسارات قد يكون فيها نوعي المبكر لما يمكن بان يؤديه من اعمال فيها لبيع والعائدة لمرحوة التي نحقق افضل ما يمكن ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ اعظم النيران من مستصغر الشرر

إنها المشكلات التي تراحمنا الحياة فيها سواءا رصيا ام ابنا، وإنها دائما تحننا على إيجاد الحلول والمعالجات والتوصل إلى افضل ..... [المريد](#)



### ٥٤ أولويات لا يمكن الاستغناء عنها

إنها الأولويات التي يجب بأن نتجدها فيلاعنيار عند القيام باية عمل من لاعمال، فإن الامان والسلامة تتصداها هذا الشأن والذي ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ الشباب والمستقبل

إن هناك الكثير من تلك الأشياء التي نجد بأننا يحب علينا بأن نجرها، وأن نقوم بها، وعليه فإننا قد نجد بأن الكثير من الشباب لد ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ انتعاش وركود

قد نجد بأن هناك فترات إرد هار وأخرى كساد في كل ما قد يمر به من مسارات في مختلف شئون ومحالات الحياة، فإنها الطبيعة التي نتعرف ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ الصراع التاريخي والازلي

إنها قد تكون وعود صادقة من الرئيس الامريكى اوباما في أن يكون عهده افضل ممن سبقه في تحقيق السلام المنشود في لشرف الاوسط، وح ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ اعتماداً على الجهود الذاتية

أعتقد بأن الوقت قد حان من أجل افتتاح المريد من تلك المحطات الإداعية والتليفزيونية الحكومية لفعالة والهادفة، والتي قد نستوعب ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ قضايا الشباب في الصيف

أرجوا بأن يكون هناك لمريد من لأهتمام بالشباب من قبل أجهزة الدولة المسنولة، من حيث توفير كل تلك المرافق الحيوية ولنى من ح ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ الحفاظ على مسارات ... ما نفخر به

قد يكون هناك لكثير مما نجده يسير بتلفائية فطنا بأننا سوف يسير في نفس تلك التلفائية بالسهولة والبسر المتوقع، وإن ما يحدث من ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ الظاهر والباطن من الامور والاحداث

إن التعايش سويا قد يكون مستحيلا حيث خصوصيات الناس، ومن هنا نجد الحركة العمرية التي نشط من اجل الاستقلالية التي يشدها ال ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ تأثيرات ايجابية واخرى سلبية

إننا نتعرف على ما يؤديه من تلك لمهام التي نقوم بمراولتها في وفات محدولة وينم ذلك بمشاركة بالعديد من تلك الاساليب التي في ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ المواسم التي تزدهم (تزدهر) فيها الاعمال

إنها الاعمال التي نقوم بها في مرحله ما ويؤدى فيها مما قد يؤدى إلى تحقيق المتطلبات والاحتياجات الضرورية ولنى قد تكون عاجلة ..... [المريد](#)

### Ⓜ الاتذار... والخطر المحدث

لدينا ساعة صفاء فيها مان فيها انام مع الالام فيها اعيش مع ورد لاللام مع اعدب الالاحاب فيها الشحا ... فيها كل شئ نحوصه ..... [المريد](#)

### Ⓜ اعتبارات توضع فى الحسيان

إبها الشئون لعادية اللى تنعلق با فى مختلف المحالات والمستويات مما يحتاج إلى إب يكون هناك من تلك الجهات لئى تدعم ما يتم ..... [المريد](#)

### Ⓜ بناء من عطاء وتواصل

قد يكون هناك مسار طبيعى يسير فيه سواء اكان ذلك مريح وسهل وبسيط أو صعب ومعقد ومرعج ابضا، ولكن يحد بانه لا سبيل اخر يمكن با ..... [المريد](#)

### Ⓜ مدى خطورة الوضع

إب لانسان يسجل كل ما يحدث من حوله بشكل مباشر وغير مباشر، وما يمكن بان يكون بكافة تلك الوسائل ولأساليب المناحة، وما هو نقل ..... [المريد](#)

### Ⓜ مسار لا نهائية له

الانسان يحوص فى كل المحالات والبيادى، ما قد يكون ضرورى وهام ويعتبر من الاساسيات فى الحياة، وايضا يحوص فيما قد يكون من الكم ..... [المريد](#)

### Ⓜ مؤشرات خطيرة

إب هناك ظموحات ابرانية بان تصل إلى ما نريده من تقنيات نووية سلمية تحقق بها نهضتها الحصاره وب يكون لها وضعها القوى فى العال ..... [المريد](#)

### Ⓜ الرؤية الاحصائية مسار طبيعى معروف وآخر مجهول

هناك الكثير من تلك الحقائق فى الحياة التى براها ويعيش معها، وسابرها ولا نستطيع بان نغيرها وب بمعها او بديلها، ولكننا نرضى ..... [المريد](#)

### Ⓜ بين القبول والرفض تظل الصراعات

إب هناك ظموحات ابرانية بان نصل إلى ما نريده من تقنيات نووية سلمية تحقق بها نهضتها الحصاره وب يكون لها وضعها القوى فى العال ..... [المريد](#)

### Ⓜ المعروف والمجهول من اخذ وعطاء

قد يدرك امورا يحدث من حولنا، وما قد يكون فيها من خير وشر، من عادة ترتيب للأوضاع المختلفة التى يمر بها، وما قد براه قد اصبح ..... [المريد](#)

### Ⓜ تفسيرات للتطورات حديثة وقديمة

هناك مسارات لايد منها، هناك ساسيات لايد منها، وهناك احتياحات ضرورية ايضا لايد منها، وهناك واحيات حتمية لايد منها، بها عبا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٤ مسارات بين النجاح والفشل

قد يكون هناك دائما تلك الحالة والمط الشحصى والاحتماعى والبيئى الحصارى والروتينى الذى بطل عليه، فى تفكيرنا لا بدرى كيف يمكن ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ دائما هناك المفاجآت

مسارات متعددة متشعبة فيها الكثير من تلك الاحداث التى تتواجد بشكل تموج فيه الحركة و لىشاط و لهمة، والقيام بكل ما من شأنه تحققي ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ ابعاد خارج نطاق الاطار

ما هذا إلا انها الطبيعة التى تتواجد فيها، والتى تتأثر بها، وهناك دائما المريد مما نعرف عليه، سواء اكان شيئا حديدا او قديم ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ قوة ردود الفعل لتصرفات الآخرين وتصرفاتنا

هل هناك من تلك المحاولات التى تكفى فى د حلما مما قد نر كم ونعاقم واصبحنا نحذر ونحترس مما قد يتم من كل تلك الافعال المعاكسة فى ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ مازلوا فى البداية

اسا قد وصلنا إلى تلك المراحل التى فيها يمكن بان يؤدى اعمالا ومهاما افضل مما سبق، بمر للحررة ولنحارب لتى ممرنا بها، وما ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ الالام والجروح

إن هناك قمة عربية على وشك بان يعقد قريبا، وان يتم مناقشة كافة القضايا التى تحتاج الى تلك المعالجات لضرورية، وان يتم العمل ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ المعرفة والخبرة والحنكة

إنها الحياة التى تعطى وتأخذ، إنها لعلة التى قد يسير فيها المرء، إنها الإحتياجات التى قد تطعى لنحصى إحتياجات ورعباب أخرى. .... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ الأعمال الحالية ودعمها ونجاحها

قد نجد بأن لكثير من تلك لأعمال قد تحتاج إلى ملاحظة مستمرة ومتابعة، وأن يكون هناك الحد الأدنى من الأمن الخاص بمزولة الأعم ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ المتغيرات والحقائق والأوهام

كيف يمكن بأن يصل إلى تلك الرؤية الفعلية لما قد يحدث بين الحين والحين من تلك المتغيرات التى قد تؤثر بشكل فعال فى كل تلك المج ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ المآزق الصعب

هل هذا هو الوضع الصحيح الذى وحدا أنفسنا فيه، وأنه ليس أمامنا ما نستطيع تحقيقه غير لأستمرار فى هذا الوضع العجيب والغريب، و ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٤ الرؤية الحقيقية

الرؤية التى يجب أن تكون لدينا ينبغى أن تنبى على الحقائق فى كل ما يمكننا القيام به من أعمال وتكا ما يجب أن يحدث من تطورات ..... [المريد](#)



### ❏ لفز جديد

إن لانسان هو عبارة عن ثلاثة مر حل رمنية بحوص عمارها الحاضر والماضى والمستقبل وهذا شئ طبيعى بان يحزن الانسان على ماضيه  
الحم ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ السيطرة على ما قد حدث

إن ما يحدث من تطوير وتحديث ومواكبة بان يكون هناك لتعامل السريع والفعال والدقيق والامنى للسرية فى لتعامل مع الشبكة  
العالمية ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ اهل الاعالى والمجد

ذهب لجمال ... واصبح هناك سوء المال إنه المسار الذى فيه تختار ... و لا تختار طلال ديكور الطبيعة لورد والفل والياسمين  
ور ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ حين نقال الكلمة وتحدث زويدة

انفعال ... وحكمة ... واحاسبس حين تقال لكلمة وتحدث زويدة وهناك من يعصب وهناك من يفعل وهناك من يحزن وهناك يعرج  
أو ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ علمتى من مدرسة الحياة

وبى لعفس لركية وسمو والاشياء والاحلال لمادا القبح فى العالم راد والارعاج فى كل مكان إن رال عاد أبى الهدوء والف ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ العمل المشترك الذى ينهض بالمجتمع

لقد بدأت لعصبة للعسطينية نسير فى اياة بعيدا كل البعد عن المسار الحقيقى لها فى تحقيق لاهداف المشودة من انهاء الصرع  
الف ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ الى بر الامان

المسار الذى يسير فيه العرب وهو مسار لسلام والخيال الاسراتيجى الذى تنهجه المنطقة من حل خلال السلام فى حاجة الى دفعة  
وهذ ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ مرحلة فى غاية التآزم

إن اسرائيل مارالت تناور سياسيا ونحاول بان تكسب وقت لصالحها، ولكنه قد انعكس عليها باصاعة الوقت فى مريد من لصعوبة  
والتعقيد ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ ولها شأن كبير

إن ما يحدث فى فلسطين من براع داخلى بين مختلف لعصائل الفلسطينية يحب بان يكون بعيد عن المصلحة العليا الفلسطينية وما يحب  
بان ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ الجلسات وحسمها

إن هناك الكثير مما حدث فى لعرة الاحيرة من تاريخ الامة العربية وفى المنطقة الى نشهد تورا وندهورا سياسيا شديد حيث ان  
هناك ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ بين الصفاء والتعكير

لقاءات بين اشخاص هم صالح عبدالرحمن، وعابد مخلوف، وسعيد عبدالواحد وفجرى رسم، وبصار ولى، وفورى عبدالستار، وابراهيم  
عبدالعمار ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ دوره الجوهري ومجراها الطبيعي

هناك انتخابات في سر نيل ولكن من هو لدى سوف يأتى بهذه الانتخابات انه لن يكون هناك جديد حيث انه معروف جيداً بان السياسة  
الا ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ حدوث فوضى عارمة

ان هناك نشاط مكثف سوف يتم لقيام به من قبل الولايات المتحدة الامريكية بخصوص السلام في لشرق الاوسط، وما يمكن بان يتم  
من ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ طال انتظاره ... لم يتحقق

ان لاضاع في منطقة الشرق الاوسط صبحت في حالة من لصعوبة ولتعقيد التى تحتاج فيه إلى مثل هذه الاسراع في اعلان خطة  
السلام ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ ماذا الذى يحدث الان ... استغاثات

ان لمطقة لا تحتل مريد من التوترات السياسية والتي قد تنشأ من جراء ايا من تلك الاحداث التى تتم بشكل فيه اتهامات قد تحدث  
ن ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ القضايا الحيوية على مختلف المستويات

ان ما حدث وما يحدث في المنطقة العربية من كل هذه الاحداث السياسية الخطيرة ولتوترت العسكرية والاحترافات لامية وخاصة في  
ال ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ نبهة للتردى..اكثر خطورة

ان لتوترات منسمة وستظل مستمرة طالما لم يحدث اتفاقيات او تهدئة او ايا من بواع السلام بين الاطراف المتنازعة والمتصارعة  
ورأى ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ حساب خسارة

ان هناك موقف غريب من العالم تجاه اسرائيل وكل هذه العطائف التى ترتكب في حق الشعب الفلسطينى، ونجد هذا الصمت الرهيب من  
قبل الم ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ المسار الصعب

ان الحرب التى شنها اسرائيل اثنت للعالم بان اهل عرة ماضيين مكافحين ومستنسلين من اجل الدفاع عن مدينتهم وان لم يكن لديهم  
ما ل ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ الكثير من المعاناة

ان لرئيس لامريكى الحديد اوباما سوف يواجه تحديات ليست بالسهلة في قضايا العالم الشائكة، وخاصة قضية الشرق الاوسط الاكثر  
وعورة ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ انه مستقبل مظلم

هناك الكثير مما يجب عمله تجاه عرة من دعمها في صمودها، والوقوف معها في تحديها للاحتلال، و ن يكون ما نقوم به اسرائيل في حق  
عره ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٤ في سبيل الحرية

إن ما يحدث في غزة من اعتداءات اسرئيلية عاشمة يجب ان يتم احدها في الاعتيار وان تكون مؤشر للكثير من صفات من يريد ان يعقد الع ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ المدينة العربية المنكوبة

إن الدمار والحرب يحدث في غزة من جراء الغارات الجوية الوحشية والعاشمة والمجائر التي تقوم بها اسرائيل تجاه الشعب الفلسطيني، ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ الاعتداءات على غزة

إن هناك صفحة حديدية العلاقات بين البلدين الشقيقين لبنان وسوريا والتي تأمل ان يشملهما الاستقرار والهدوء، بعيدا عن التوتر ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ تغير الأشخاص

إن لعرب استبعاد الكثير من العرب في حصارته الحديثة الحالية وهذا شيء لا يكره العرب نفسه في ما احده عن العلماء العرب والحضارة ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ الامة العربية والعالم

إن هناك مرحلة خطيرة تمر على كل من الهند وباكستان، وما يمكن ان يؤدي توتر العلاقات إلى تصاعد عسكري فيه الكثير من المخاوف حيث ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ هذه الاحداث

الكل يدرك تماما ان العمليات الارهابية التي نحدث في العالم تؤدي إلى ثورات سياسية شديدة تصل إلى حد حدوث ازمات بين الدول التي ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ في الاونة الاخيرة

إن هناك موجة جديدة من الارهاب تعصف ببعض الدول وما يحدث وحدث في الهند هو نذار خطير ليس فقط لأمريكا وانما لكافة دول لعالم بال ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ العصر الذي نعيشه

إن التطورات التقنية في عالمنا الحصري المعاصر ليوم سسير بقعرات ليس لها مثيل بحيث انه اصبح هناك من تلك الانجازات الكيولوجيا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ ارضاء الكل

إن حوخل تعتبر من الشركات العملاقة في مجال الكمبيوتر والانترنت، وهي تتقدم دائما لمريد من كل تلك الادوات اللازمة لاداء المهام ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ هناك وضع جديد

إن العالم يمر بأزمة مالية خطيرة وانها لا تشمل دولة او عدة دول وانما هي ازمة عالمية تشمل كل دول العالم، وتحتاج إلى ان يكون هنا ..... [المريد](#)

### 5. الازمة المالية العالمية

المسار الذى يسير فيه العرب وهو مسار لسلام والخيال الاسيراتيحي الذى تنهجه المنطقة من اجل خلال السلام فى حاجة الى دفعة وهذا ..... [المريد](#)

### 5. افضل نموذج

إب ما حدث فى العالم من أزمة مالية بدأت من امريكا التى نهيم على العالم قد احدثت لكثير من المخاوف فى الاوساط لاقتصادية، وما ..... [المريد](#)

### 5. ما يحدث فى العالم اليوم

لقد بدأت القضية الفلسطينية تسير فى اتجاه بعيدا كل البعد عن المسار الحقيقى لها فى تحقيق لاهداف المشودة من انهاء لصرع الفليس ..... [المريد](#)

### 5. ازمة خطيرة

لقد بدأت القضية الفلسطينية تسير فى اتجاه بعيدا كل البعد عن المسار الحقيقى لها فى تحقيق الاهداف المشودة من انهاء لصرع العمل ..... [المريد](#)

### 5. قرار صائب يتم اتخاذه فورا

إب لسان لديه لكثير من التوترات السياسية ويحتاج إلى لاستقرار والحفاظ على الامن لقومى، وان يعمل على هذا ويسير فى هذا المس ..... [المريد](#)

### 5. رغم ما قد يظهر خلاف ذلك

هناك لقاءات تتم بين الطرفين الاسرائيلى والفلسطينى، وما يحدث من تطورات على الساحة لعربية من سير المفاوضات وان كانت مارلت فى ..... [المريد](#)

### 5. الشعور بالسعادة

إب هناك تلك التطورات التى تحدث بدون ان يكون هناك تدخل من احد الاطراف المعنية، والنس يجد بان هناك ما يؤدى إلى اعباء والأرامات ..... [المريد](#)

### 5. الهدوء والاستقرار

إب هناك الكثير من تلك الاختلافات التى ظهرت فى وجهات النظر بشأن عملية السلام والنس نحتاج إلى ان يكون هناك ما يؤدى إلى وضع الاس ..... [المريد](#)

### 5. طريق مظلم

إب للعرب تاريخ عريق فى الانظمة السياسية من حلل كل ما مر بها من عصور فيها لردهار وفيها الانتصار وفيها العشل والهزيمة، ولكى هنا ..... [المريد](#)

### 5. إلى بر الامان

إب ما وصلت إليه الاوضاع الحالية فى العالم من تحط وفوضى فى الكثير من المواقع وخاصة الشرق الاوسط يدعو إلى العمل على التعبير فى ..... [المريد](#)



### ٥٤ ما لا يحمد عقباؤه

إن إبراب في موقف في غاية التعقيد من خلال تلك المعادلة الصعبة التي فيها الكثير من الجوانب التي لا يمكن التعامل معها وفقا لما  
ت ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ للأسف الشديد

إن ما تقوم به إسرائيل من توسيع المستوطنات في لأراضي الفلسطينية بقوص عملية السلام برمتها، وإن إسرائيل تدرك ذلك تماما، وبها  
ا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ الاندماج

إن هناك الكثير من نلکم التفتيات التي أصبحت تؤدي الكثير من المهام بالكثير من التسهيلات التي يمكن بان يستفيد منها مستخدمى  
الكمب ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ بقعة من العالم

إن إبراب تقوم بمناورات سياسية في المجتمع الدولي بمهارة، ولكن قد لا يقع إلا الشاطر كما يقولوا، ويجب عليها الحذر الشديد،  
والحرص ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ بالسهولة والسرعة والتفانية والحفظ

إن لاهتمام بالصحة في فترات المواسم خاصة وباقي ايام السنة لهو شئ في غاية لاهمية، بحيث يتم توافر كل تلك الاجراءات التي من  
شأن ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ ابطالهم وازمانهم

مأساة يعيشها العرب مع قضاياهم والتي نحتاج إلى معالجات ليس بالسهلة أو الهينة، وإنما هي قضايا من الصعب القضايا واعقدها. ولهذا  
ف ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ الانجازات العصرية

لسان تنصر على نفسه، من ان يقع في براثن العنة الطائفية ولصرع لمسلح وكل تلك المؤمرات التي تحاك ضده، من اجل تدمير لسان  
ال ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ المرحلة الجديدة

إن حياة البشر مليئة الاحداث لسارة والسيئة او المعرحة والمحزنة، وما الاكثر المأسى في حياة الانسان، سواء اكان مشهورا او  
معمور ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ حصيلة الانسان من تجارب وخبرة

لقد تم اتفاق الدوحة الذي يعيد لاستقرار إلى لسان وإن يتم انتخاب الرئيس، وإن هناك اوضاع حديد فصل للسان في  
المرحلة المقبلة ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ التقدير والثناء

يجب لعمل على تعيد لاتفاق فورا وإن لا يحدث انتكاسة أو يا من تلك الامور التي تعطل التعيد و تأخيرها، وهيبنا للسان وللعرب  
ع ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٤ قهقهة ودماء

إن الصدفة بالمعل تعلب دورا كبيرا في حياة الانسان وتاريخه وإن هناك بالفعل الكثير من الاكتشافات العلمية قد حدثت عن طريق الصدفة، ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٥ الواقع المر والاعوام تمر

هل أصبحت منطقة الشرق الاوسط حقل تحارب للعرب يشبوا فيها لحروب وقت شاءوا، والقيام بكل تلك المهام لخطط وما يمكن بان تنوقع من خ ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٦ بحقق البطولات

إن فصايا لدول العربية كثيرة ومتشعبة سواءا الان او فيما سبق، من مشاكلها الداخلية التي فيه معاناة شديدة من اجل الحياة الكريم ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٧ الجهود اللازمة والمرحلة المقبلة

إن هناك استعداد سورى من اجل السلام، وهو الاجماع العربى من اجل السلام وهناك المبادرة العربية و لان المبادرة السورية، ولكن يجب ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٨ الاشد تعقيدا

يجب على كافة الاطراف المتنازعة والراعى الامريكى و لدول الداعية إلى لسلام بان لا تنهاون او تتفاحس عن ما يمكن بان يؤدي إلى تحق ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٩ شكل افضل باستمرار

إن باكستان بدأت يعود إلى استقرارها السياسى والعمل على الممارسة الصحيحة للحياة السياسية التي يجب بان يسودها الحوار والتفاوض و ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٠ خلال حقبة او حقبتين

العرق هي القلب النابض للأمة العربية، والذي ابرهم في وسط هذه الأمة التي لم تحاول بان تقدم له المعونة والدعم اللارم، وانه في ح ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦١ كافة المجالات والميادين

أسنحالة بان يحصل لانسان على كل شئ في الحياة، فإن كان سعيد في عمله فهو نعيشا في حبه، وإن كان لديه مميزات في جواب من الحياة، ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٢ طريق الحرية

إن من الصعب بان يحدث لقاء بين عباس واولمرت في المرحلة الراهنة والتي نمر بأسوء ظروف على الفلسطينيين مما ألحق بهم الاسرائيليين ت ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٣ في غاية الضرورة

إن ما يحدث في لبنان من تأجيل وتسوية في تأجيل الانتخابات الرئاسية يجب بان يكون فيه مصلحة لبنان، وإن يكون هناك تراث محمود، وليس ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٤ أنا والأشجار والعصافير

أنا والأشجار والعصافير صباحا نعيش في درب الحياة الطويل بجهد وكفاح وبطلب الرزق للمعيشة اليسير ولأسماك في حدولها مع لتيار  
ت ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ ما قد يحدث مستقبلا

إن ما يحدث في لبنان قد يكون ركيزة للمستقبل ولدى يكون فيه لنظام الذي يستوعب التطورات التي تحدث على الساحة، و ب يكون  
هناك صمو ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ عصر المسافات

إنها المسافات ... عصر المسافات في المكاب ولرمان والمستويات والأفكار والعلاقات والآراء ولاتجارات، مسافات شاسعة بين الناس،  
وه ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ هازم ومهزوم

إن لبنان في خطر، ويجب بان لا تترك لبنان تنجرى نحو الهاوية التي يسير نحوها، ولكل برها اللسانين ولعرب والعالم، ولا احد  
يستط ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ عطاء الانسان وابداعه

إن على لبنان بان يدرك الوضع الراهن المتدهور في اوضاعه لسياسية الداخلية، والتي وصلت إلى هذه الازمة السياسية التي جعلته  
بدون ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ تصريحات المسؤولين

إن ما يحدث في غزة هو من الاحداث الخطيرة التي وصلت إليها الامور، و ب دلت على شئ فإنها نذل على مدى تدهور المسار السلمى  
الذي ي ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ العديد من الجوانب

حرية لرأى مكفولة للجميع، ولكن يجب بان لا تتعدى هذه الحرية حرية الآخرين، وان يكون هناك احترام وعدم سغاف او ابتزاز و  
السخر ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ عصرنا هذا الذي نعيشه

شئ جيد بان نحصر لبنان لمؤتمر الحاص بورراء الخارجية العرب، ولكن كان يجب بان يكون هناك ايضا انتهاء للأزمة التي التي تمر  
بها ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ بأسرع وقت قدر المستطاع

قد يكون هناك مصدقية في تصريحات اردوغان حول العراق، ولكن ما يزعج الاترك هم الاكراد الذين لهم قوة سياسية في تركيا،  
ونسب ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ ضعف التضامن العربي

إن مثل هذه المبادرات الايجابية التي تتم على مثل هذه المستويات من الشخصيات العالمية هي دفعة نحو الامام في سبيل دعم عملية  
السلا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٤ من أجل الرخاء والتقدم والرفاهية

يجب بان تدرك اسرائيل الاوضاع الخطيرة في الاراضي الفلسطينية، وان لا تحمل احد المسئولية إلا نفسها، فيما تقوم به من كل تلك الممار ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ الاسلوب الامثل في التعامل

إن ما وصلت إليه الاوضاع الراهنة في الملف لايراني البووي ونحلي امريكا مدنيا على شئ هجوم عسكري ضد إيران هو انصار ايراني في ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ وضوح في الرؤية

إن ما يحدث في باكستان من هذا الصراع السياسي الشديد الوطأة ليس وليد الظروف الحالية، وإنما هو صراع ممتد من مد طويل، و ب الممار ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ حالات الرقي والازدهار

إن التطورات الحالية في الأزمة السودانية ومحاولة اخواء و لسيطرة على الاوضاع في افليم دارفور تحتاج إلى الكثير من الدعم الدولي ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ الاتجاه الصعب والوعر

إن الرئيس الفلسطيني عباس يسير في لاتجاه الصعب والوعر ولدى إن لم يكن رفضه من قبله لأية اسباب فإنه لم يستطيع بان يحوص في هذا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ المرحلة القادمة من التاريخ

إن هم شئ يهم إسرائيل هو منها القومي، والتعوق العسكري على كافة الدول العربية بما فيهم إيران، وهذا شئ يحافظ عليه وهو بالنسب ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ الاعتبارات التي توضع في الحسبان

لسان في معاناة سياسية بدأت تنصح معالمها على على المسئويات السياسية من القمة حيث لم يعد هناك رئيس لسانى يتحجب ويتفق عليه، م ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ البحث عن الافضل

إن مثل هذه المؤتمرات التي يعقد على مثل هذه المستويات يجب ان يكون فيها الاهتمام كبيرا حيث بها لا يتكرر إلا نادرا، ويكون فيها ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ الحل الشامل والعادل

لقد كانت معاناة للعالم اجمع وليس لعالم لعربي فقط، حين اعلت السادات دهايه إلى إسرائيل، وحين ذهب إلى إسرائيل فهو بذلك اول رعيم ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ رغم كل التعقيدات والصعوبات

يجب لعمل على اخواء مثل هذه لمشكلات والقضايا العالفة بكل ما يحص الدول لعربية، وان تكون لاه في الاطار العربي ممثلا في الجا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٤ التضحيات المؤلمة

هل من الممكن الوصول إلى سلام بين إسرائيل والفلسطينيين خاصة والذي تختلف فصيلتهم عن باقي دول المواجهة، من حيث ما تقوم به إسرائيل ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٥ تصرف بحكمة وعقلانية

إن الصراع في لبنان على أشده في المرحلة الحالية والتي تشهد انتخابات الرئاسة والتي قد تحتاج فيها إلى رئيس ينفق عليه جميع الأطراف ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٦ المشاركات بين كافة الأطراف

مؤتمر الحريف هو الذي ينظره الجميع من أجل الوصول إلى إحلال لسلام في المنطقة والخروج بتلك النتائج الإيجابية التي تبشر بالخير. .... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٧ بحث قضايا الأمة العربية

يحب على الجامعة العربية بأن تسرع في بحث قضايا الأمة العربية الحيوية وبحث ومناقشة كل تلك القضايا كما يحب عليه بأن يتم ويكون في ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٨ فترة من تاريخ الأمة

إنما نجد بأن أمريكا تتدخل في شئون المنطقة ولتي قد يكون لها دور من أجل الحفاظ على مصالحها ولكن السنوالم لما أمريكا فقط هي التي ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٩ أفضل المستويات الممكنة

إن لكاتب مثل لأحرى، فهو لديه حرفة يقوم بها في الحياة، وما يتركه من كتابات مثل باقي الحرفيين البحار ولحد د ولبناء والرسم ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٠ المعاناة التي تعيشها الشعوب العربية

نعم لقد خدلت الأمم المتحدة الشعب الفلسطيني والعالم كله حذل الشعب الفلسطيني، وقد يكون هناك العديد من لاسباب لذلك، والذي قد ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦١ تميز في سياسيتها

لقد بدأ القلق بساور روسيا بشأن لىوايا الأمريكية والتي تحاول بأن يكون لها لدرع الدفاعى الصاروحي والتي يهدد العمق الروسى، و ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٢ نقطة تحول

إن سوريا هي دولة موجهة مع إسرائيل، وهذا منذ حرب الستينات، ولتي انهزمت فيها الحيووش العربية، وإن سوريا حاصت حرب أكتوبر، ومارا ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٣ اللبيب بالإشارة يفهم

إنما نجد بأن هناك موقف جديد تنهجه روبا في القيام بمعاينة إيران، وأن هناك وصاع هي في غاية الخطورة على المنطقة، والتي من شا ..... [المزيد](#)

### ❏ نبض الأمة العربية

العرف هو نبض الأمة لعربية ولدى عابى الكثير على مر العصور، فهو بوية العرب، وهو البلد الذى يطمع فيه أولا الاستعمار لما فيه ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ التطورات العلمية الحديثة

الحياة اليوم أصبحت نوح بالكثير من الأعمال، ولقد طهر الكثير من المتغيرات فى صور الحياة من بناج التطورات الحديثة والمستمرة والم ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ وصلت إلى طريق مسدود

شئ جميل بان نحد هذا النمير فى مسلسلات رمضانية استطاعت بان تصل إلى شهرة عربية تتفاعل مع لاحتات لمحلية والعالمية، وفى مجتمع ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ فتنة قاتله مدمرة مهلكة

هل سنكون لحرب القادمة فاصلة فى تحديد الشكل الجديد للمطقة وما يمكن بان يتلور عنه من نتائج على لمدى القريب والبعيد. وكيف ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ الدرجات الأعلى

إنها للخطات قد يحدث من تلك الأمور لتى قد نحد بانها من صمى تلك الأنقاط الضرورية فى حياتنا من حيث ما يمكن القيام به من كل نل ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ قضايا الشرق الاوسط

كلما يعلم بان لعرب والمسلمين فى حجم لعرب حصاريا وعسكريا، وإنما قد لدينا الكثير مما يفتقده العرب من دين هو رحمة للأنساني ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ واحة الديمقراطية

إن لعرق هو مثل كل الدول العربية ملئ بالتعقيدات الكثيرة، والفصاى الداخلية الصعبة، وإن لم يكن أكثر من مطلق الموقع الاسترا ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ من شخص إلى شخص

الشخصية لعربية تختلف طباع لأساس من شخص إلى شخص فى العديد من الأشكال والتصرفات والأراء والأفكار والمتطلبات والأولويات، وهى ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ عبء ثقيل؟ ... نسلك أية طريق

وصعى المخوس لمن أشكوا وصعى المخوس، ومنه لخلاص مينوس، وأصبحت بوضع مثل لمهووس بعد أن حاء مخلص السعوس، بفكر فيه العمل لصا ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ ابتهاج إلى الله

رب دعائنا والرجاء شديد، هل صعد إليك، ده أحنا يا ربى فى حاجه إليك الكل تركنا ونحلنا عبا، وأحنا فى طريقنا وديانا ولهم والعم ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ وهو مبسوط ..والنجاح سهل

حسابات ... توقعات ... صحيحة أم خاطئة!! ذهبت إلى المحلات التجارية، وشنريت احتياجات ضرورية، ورجعت أشياء غلشاش لحسابات مش كافي ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ التحليلات السياسية كثيرة وما أكثر الكتب

سوف يكون هناك انعكاسات خطيرة في أحداث نهر البارد التي نمر بها لبنان ومرت بها مرحلة هي لاسواء على لطلاق مد اب انتهت الح ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ الاستقرار ولو نسبيا

ما اكثر الكتب التي فيها الكثير من محاربة الدين، والذي فيه الشك في الكثير من المعتقدات والثوابت لدى الناس. ولكن في نفس الوقت ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ الفتنة في كل الدول العربية

هناك محاول لبث الفتنة في كل الدول العربية، من خلال أحداث البلمة السياسية، والتوترات التي تهر الدول العربية ولاسلامية. إنها ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ ازمة خطيرة في العلاقات - كارثة عربية

عادة ما نمر على الانساب مراحل قد تكون في غاية الحرج ولحساسية تحاة كل شئ حوله، وسواء كانت من تلك المهام التي يمكن بان يقوم بت ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ الصالح العربي ... رغم كل الادعاءات

اب لكاتب هو مثل البائع او التاجر او ايا ممى يعمل في الاسوق، وهما يحد بان يتعرض لكل تلك المستويات الاجتماعية والعكرية من ا ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ التعبير عن المحبة

إنه الانساب الذي اجترع النصبقي والهنافات والصراخ الدال على الاعجاب، إنه التعبير عى المحبة والتقدير والشكر وان هذا هو المطلوب ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ في غاية الخطورة

إن لسياس شئ طبيعي في حياة الانساب، والناس والانساب و لسياس حذا منشابه، وهذا قد يكون بعمة وبقمة في الوقت بعسه. وهناك الى ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ البادر نكية

إن لقوات الامريكية تعانى في العراق اشد المعاناة، وهذا شئ طبيعي بان يتهم كل دول الحوار بانها تساعد على المريد من الاضطرابات ا ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ المجموعات التجارية والصناعية

هناك الكثير من لأعتبارات يجب أن توضع في الاعتبار عند القيام بمثل تلك لأعمال التي قد يكون فيها المحارفة و لمخاطر، وهما يجب ا ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ هذا ايضا ليس فى الامكان

هناك الكثير مما يريد الشارع العربى، ولدى فقد الفرصة فى ان يتحقق له شئ على الصعيد السياسى، وما قد اصبحت من المستحيل ارضاء ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ مجهول يترقبه العقلاء

إن واقع الامة العربية مرير، ووانه للأسف الشديد يرتبط ارتباطا وثيقا بالخليف الأمريكى لمحسوب من الحكام والمفروض من الشعوب، و ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ سبب بلاءها ومصائبها

هناك فوضى عالمية بدوب شك فى ذلك، وما يحدث من بقسامات فى القيادات للحكومات فى بعض الدول، إنما دليل على ان هناك حللا ما، يجب ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ انهار فى دنيا الأفكار

شرق انهار فى دنا الأفكار .. اراء الحيد والصواب، أررق فى رفاق طريقا منهار، شمسنا والأشجار، نماء فى أفجار، الأفكار والآر ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ الأوضاع المتردية إلى ماذا تقودنا

يررب الشرق الأوسط ... كيف تطعأها أو تحسبها.. يجب أن لا يستهون بصغائر لأمر، فإن أكبر الكوارث أو لئيراب من مستصغر الشرر، ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ مرحلة تؤثر خطيرة فى الشرق الأوسط

إسا بلاشك فى مرحلة توتر خطيرة فى الشرق الأوسط، وما يحدث من متغيرات وتطور ت على الساحة شئ ليس وليد المصادفة، وإنما هى محططا ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ الدولة العبرية والدولة الفلسطينية

هل من الممكن.. للدولة العبرية بأن تترك دوله فلسطينية تعيش حرة مستقلة، حببا إلى حبب. يبدو ما هو ممكن بأنه مستحيل. إنهم لا يريد ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ مشكلة درافور... وقرارات مجلس الأمن

السوداب بلد الحيرت .. ماذا حل بها، إنها لدولة التى تستطيع بأن يعذى ليس فقط دول العالم العربى بل ولأسلامى كذلك من كل ما بها ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ امبراطوريتها على الاسلام

إن تركيا دولة قامت امبراطوريتها على الاسلام، والذى وصل بها إلى ما وصلت إليها من تقدم وحضارة. نعم قد يكون هناك حالة من الركو ..... [المريد](#)

### ❏ السياسات التسويقية والاستراتيجيات

ماذا يكون عليه الوضع إذا كان هناك الكثير من الأتاج الذى لا يجد له التصريف المناسب، وقد يكون هذا بسبب المفاشبات الشديدة فى ال ..... [المريد](#)



### ٥٤ واقع الامة العربية مرير

إن واقع الامة العربية مرير، وواجه للأسف الشديد يرتبط ارتباطا وثيقا بالخليف الامريكى لمحسوب من الحكام والمفروض من الشعوب، وهذا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ ما أقطع الحياة مع الحرب الاهلية

ما أقطع الحياة فى بلاد بها الحرب الاهلية التى تطحن الشعوب وبدلا من ان نهض بها، تفهقر بها إلا الحلف، حيث لا شئ سفع او يعبد، ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ الأخطاء البشرية

أنه شئ مؤكد وواضح ومعلوم ومعروف بأن الكل يخطئ، وليس هناك من هو معصوم، غير الأنبياء ومن رحم الله، وأنه لذلك نجد بأن هناك من ي ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ من حال إلى حال

وأنقلنا من حال إلى حال، وقلنا ها يحقق المحال، بعمل فى طريق أصنى بعد طلام وأنقلنا من مكان إلى مكان، وبرأى به صياح وساج، وما ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ الأساليب البالية الصارمة فى معالجة القضايا المختلفة

الأساليب لبالية الصارمة فى معالجة لقضايا المختلفة أنه بدوى شك سوف يكون هناك من تلك النظم التى يحب أن تتبع من أجل أن يتم الى ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ الاندماج فى الأعمال والإنجازات

يحب أن يكون هناك تفكير سطفى وعقلانى فى كل ما يتم القيام به من مهام تستوجب البحث عن أهم تلك المتطلبات والأحتياجات د ت الأولوي ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ هذا هو الوضع والحال

إنها لأشياء لنى تحدث من حولنا، من كل تلك المساوئ والسلبيات ونقاط الضعف، والننى نتواحد وبكثرة فى المجتمع، فإذا تحدثت مع أحد ع ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ إن الشعوب تعيش على حضارتها

إن التطورات الاحيره هى جديدة على لمطقة، وما يحدث ما هو إلا بناج الكثير من تلك الخلفيات التى سلورت فى المرحلة الاحيره، والت ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ فترة زحام ... إلقاء الأضواء

بشر فى كل مكان ..... يملئوا المكاب... إنه الزحام لشديد...رحال وفساء وأطغال من كل المستويات والحسيات والأعمار...أحدثت نميرها ولا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ جيل اليوم وجيل الامس

جيل وجيل (جيل اليوم وجيل الامس) يا ولد !!! بلاش الشعل بتاعك للى بتعملوا عليها، احنا مش صغار بصدق كل اللى بتقوله لنا، .. ول ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٤ المنافسات الشريفة والغير شريفة

المنافسات الشريفة والغير شريفة (السمعة والثقة، و لعش والحد ع) قد يكون هناك من تلك المشروعات الجديدة والتي قد نشأ وتتمو  
أع ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ أتركوه ... فى الوهم يعيش

أتركوه فى الوهم يعيش أتركوه على الوحش حيوان أليف معاه هابسير ويعيش أتركوه بطى لسم بلسم للشفاء وللجراح ها يطيب أتركوه  
فى خ ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ السيادة والأنظمة والذوق العام

هل يحق لمن لديه لسيادة الحق فى حرق العواصبي والتشريعات التى تحكم لمنطقة التى نخضع تحت حكمه؟، ما هى تلك المعاهيم  
التى تقوم ب ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ أنها الطباع البشرية

العلاقات البشرية صعبة وفيها الكثير من تلك لمواصفات المتغيرة، والتي تختلف من فرد إلى آخر، ويحد بأن لجميع لديهم ما هو  
أيجابى، ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ السيطرة على الأوضاع بالأساليب المناسبة

أنه لايد من العمل على اتخاذ الاحتياطات والتدابير لمنااسبة والملائمة لما يسعى له بأن يكون له أهميته فى القيام بكل ما قد  
يحتاج ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ آلو...آلو..... الكرة الأرضية

طلب عالمي آلو...آلو..... الكرة الأرضية مكاملة محلية .. لا إنها مكاملة دولية ..... أنه يستقبلها فى أية مكان فى مرله أو فى  
عم ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ اللهم هيا لنا من أمرنا رشدا

أنه لأسلوب المنيع فى لإدارة من حيث محاولة أستقرار مشاعر الموظفين مما قد يحد من تصرفاتهم والتي قد تكون متعلقة بالعمل  
والإسرة ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ الاسرار السياسية .. المحيط إلى الخليج

إنا يحد بان امريكا اصحت تحيط فى العراق، ولا بدري انستمر أمر نرحل بفواتها، ولكنها ستظل مهممة على القيادة لعراقية، وهذا  
ام ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ الأوقات المناسبة، والقرارات الملائمة والمستجدات العادية

القيام بمعرفة ما يسعى له بأن يكون وفقاً لنظام محدد، واتحاد لم، والتي من خلالها سينم الإلتزام بكل تلك الموصفات لقياسية  
والت ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ الأساليب الصحيحة والبديلة لمعالجة المشكلات

أنه من الضروري لقيام بحث كل تلك لأسباب لتى قد أدت إلى حدوث مثل تلك المشكله فى أبأ من تلك لمحالات لتى قد يحد بأن هناك  
م ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٤ نقاط سريعة مضيئة

إنها تلك الأحداث التي يمر بها والتي يكون فيها الكثير من تلك النقاط التي تحتاج إلى بحث ودراسة، والخروج بلك النتائج التي نأمل ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٥ ما آلت إليه الأوضاع

هل نترك الدموع تتحجر في أعيننا، من فسوة هذا الرماح، أما نريد أن يبكي مما قد حدث لنا من كل تلك الأوضاع القاسية، والتي أصبحنا ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٦ ما أكثر هذا الكم الهائل

أنها تلك لمنتجات التي أصبحت تنتج بهذا الكم لهائل وبكل تلك التشكيلة العجيبة العربية التي أصبحنا نراها، وكأنها تريد بأن تعرفن ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٧ المأساة الفلسطينية في الساحة الدولية

إن لدور الفلسطيني في الساحة الدولية له دوره البارز حيث القضية التي يعانى منها للشعب الفلسطيني منذ أكثر من نصف قرن. وما يحدث ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٨ منوع الانفجار

إن لعالم اليوم في حاجة إلى هذه الياقطة التي هي في غاية الأهمية بالنسبة له، ولتي هي الياقطة المفقودة حتى الآن من عالمنا، وال ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٩ الاتفاق في القيادة شينا جوهريا

نريد بأن يكون لاتفاق في القيادة شينا جوهريا حيث انه من شأنه بأن تتفق الآراء على القيام بما هو مناسب للشعب الفلسطيني. وكلنا ي ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٠ اليوم والأمس...وغدا

أنها تلك المسئوليات التي لم تكن على البال، وما قد تم توقعه لم يحدث، وأما قد مررنا بتلك الأحداث لمختلفة، والحالات التي ظهرت ب ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦١ نقاط قريبة... نقاط مستقبلية

أنها تلك الذكريات التي نحاول بأن نضعها في الاعتبار. أيام الأزمات السياسية والإقتصادية والصحية. أنها الظروف الحوية البرد القار ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٢ إنها علاقات وروابط عجيبة

إنها بالفعل تلك الروابط العجيبة التي تحدث بين البشر فيما بينهم، ويحد بأنا قد أصبحنا في ذلك الوضع الذي نحاول فيه التعامل مع ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٦٣ ليس أمامك إلا...

إنه لم يعد هناك خيارات أو فرص حتى يمكن بأن يستغلها الأسان أو يسير في الطريق الذي يريد بأن يختاره، أنه قد أصبح في هذا المارق ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٥٤ ماضى ... حكمك ... سبائك

الطفولة ومراحلها المحلقة، وكل تلك لمسارات الإختيارية والخيارات والأفراح الأحرار. صواب العراء، والرمل الأصغر ولأبوار، والرعا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ المعمة

إنها الصوصاء التى نصيبها بالكثير من تلك الأمراض، ولقلق التى أستشرى وأصبحنا نغابى الكثير مما نحاول بأن نجعله فى بعد عنا، وأن ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ المحاولات اليناسة

(إنها الأفكار لشاسعة) إنه قلق متوتر ..أصيب بحالة عربية من الهلوسة.. وها هو قد ذهب فكره بعيدا حد عن الواقع.. أنه يسرح ولا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ امكانيات هائلة وقدرات جبارة

إن دولة لظلم ساعة ودولة الحق إلى قيام الساعة. قد تأتى سياسات قمية فى أية دولة فى لعالم، ولا تسمح بحرية الرأى، ولكن دائما تر ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ تعديل المسار للأفضل أم للأسوء

إن المعارضة قد تكون فى بعض الاحيان موقفة فى تعديل المسار، والذى قد يحد بابا لدينا اراء لا يتوقع بان هناك لها من بديل، ولكن ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ اسرار السياسة الدولية

أكثر سرر السياسة الدولية التى تدور على الساحة العالمية، والتى تتأثر بها منطقة الشرق الاوسط، والذى يحدث فيه من جراء كل ذلك م ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ حدث ما لم يتوقع

إن لقصة فلسطينية وصلت فيما يبدو إلى المرحلة النهائية لنى ليس فيها حل يرضى با من لاطراف. وبهذا يصل إلى النساؤل لدى بمك ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ الاعلام المؤثر فى الاحداث

إنه الاعلام الذى له دوره الكبير و لمؤثر فى ما يحدث فى العالم بلا شك، حيث ن هناك اعلام ينقل الوقائع والاحداث المحددة ويترك لل ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ الخطوة التالية

لقد اصبح العالم فى حالة من العوصى لم يسبق لها مثيل، ومارلنا تتحيط فى كل التحليلات ولمسابات لنى نؤدى إلى حدوث مثل هذه الافع ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ عصرنا ... وعصر مضى

حقائق مثل الجبال لم يعد فى الامكان .. هذا الذى تحلم به... أنك تفكر فى شئ عظيم .. هو فوق طاقه الناس .. وخاصة حين يكون هناك نقص فى ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٤ سيادة النائب (سعادة الوزير)

وقد بدأت أساريه نمرج، بعداى كان شديد لصر مه، ووجه حامد العاير، بل الذى قد يكون فيه من ملامح القسوة والشدة ولحشونه، أيضا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٥ كل ما يخطر على بال

إنه يسير فى طريقه الملى بالمطبات ولارشادات والتعلميات ولكنه لا يدري إلى أس سيصل، أنه يسير كما يسير الاخرى، وما أكثر تلك ال ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٦ ناطحة سحاب

إنه لأن فى مكتبه العصرى الفاخر، بأعلى مبنى تجارى ودارى أى إنه أعلى وأفخم برج فى المدينة، بل فى المنطقة كلها. وأنه يعتبر م ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٧ من مساوى الحضارة الحديثة

إن لامة العربية وحى العالم لا يجب بان يتدخل فى الشئون الداخلية الفلسطينية، فهو شعب مثل باقى شعوب لعالم، ولكنه للأسف تحت ال ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٨ دوامة الحياة

حسيب : أبى أنت الآن؟ طاهر : أنا فى المحل العلافى ... حسيب : وبتعمل آيه؟ طاهر : بشتغل معاهم؟ أصبحت موطف علاقات لعملاء! حسيب ..... [المريد](#)

### ٥٩ هل فهمت؟؟؟؟

سامح : الواحد بيعمل آيه؟ أنا عرفت ليه الناس فى رهق وطعش، الواحد جالس يدور على حاجة كويسة بعملها، ويستعيد ويعيد، الواحد أعلم ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٠ صرافة وبشر

صرافة وبشر إنه من تلك المواقع لعديدة المنتشرة فى هذا المكاب من وسط المدينة والذى يمتلئ بالأصواء والصوصاء التى تملأ ه ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦١ لقد اشتد الوهن بالامة العربية

وهل وصل العرب إلا إلى هذا المنسوى من الدنى فى العلاقات الخارجية مع العالم، واستنهتار القوى الكبرى امريكا وروبا وحتى المنظمات ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٢ المجتمع الدولى والعرب

إن لعرب ليس لديهم صبر، وإن كانوا يحبروا عليه، وهو صبر إخبار وليس صبر اختيار، وهناك فرق كبير بينهما. ولكننا نجد بأن التخطيط ..... [المريد](#)

### ٦٣ إلى متى سيقفل كفاحك

فلسطين إلى متى سيقفل كفاحك، وألامك هى آلالام المتسمرة والمتواصلة فى الامة العربية، ولا أحد يعرف كيف يداوى جروحك. إنك قلبا ..... [المريد](#)

### ٤٤ استعداد للتفاوض...العواقب غير معروفة

كل العرب يتمنوا بأن تكون هذه لحكومة الفلسطينية هي الحكومة التي تخرج بفلسطين من المأرق التي هي فيه وأن تلافى القبول من المحت ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٤٥ شعوب الغرب واكاذيب زعمائهم

إن لدول العربية في مأساة وأصعبها فلسطين، وتأبى بعدها العراق ثم لبنان، ثم لسودان، وباقى لدول لديها أيضا مشكلات تحتاج إل ..... [المزيد](#)

### ٤٦ ماذا يريد العرب، وماذا تريد الدول الكبرى

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### ٤٨ المنطقة تحت نيران المؤتمرات

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ومشاعل ..... المريد

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سوف نجد بأن هناك الكثير من تلك الطرق والأساليب المختلفة في التعامل مع مختلف تلك الحواب التي قد نجد بأننا قد تطرقنا إليها،  
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إنه يسمع أزيز الطائرات لحربة التي تحترق الأحواء بسرعتها الفائقة، وصوتها المرعج، وصوت بعضا من تلك القذائف المدمرة التي  
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إنه قد أصبح لا يطيق ل هذا الاهتمام والاحتفاء به من الجمهور لدى يدفع ويترحم على لقاءه ومشاهدته عن قرب، ومحاولة أخذ بعض  
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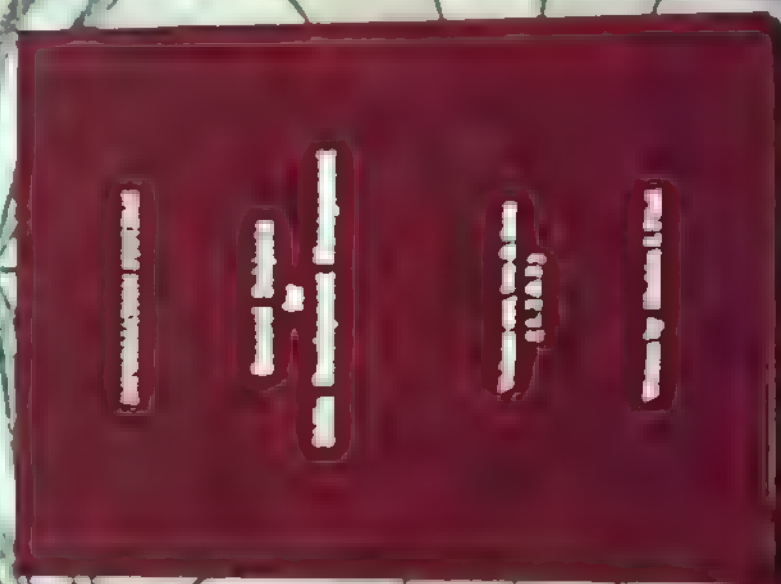






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Ferry Samson  
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Monday, July 27, 1903

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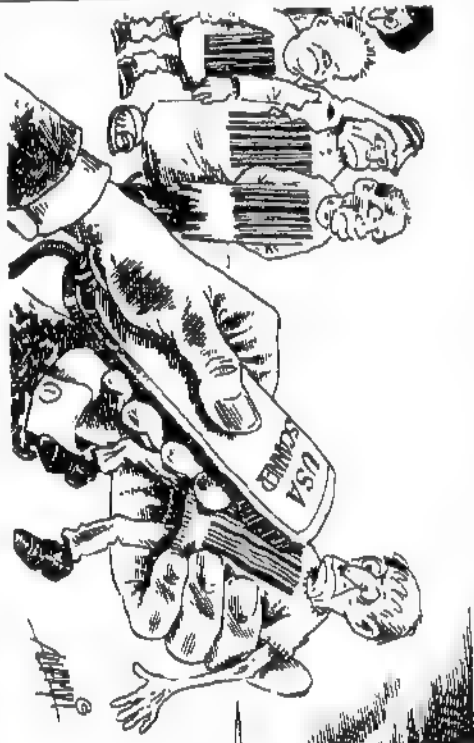
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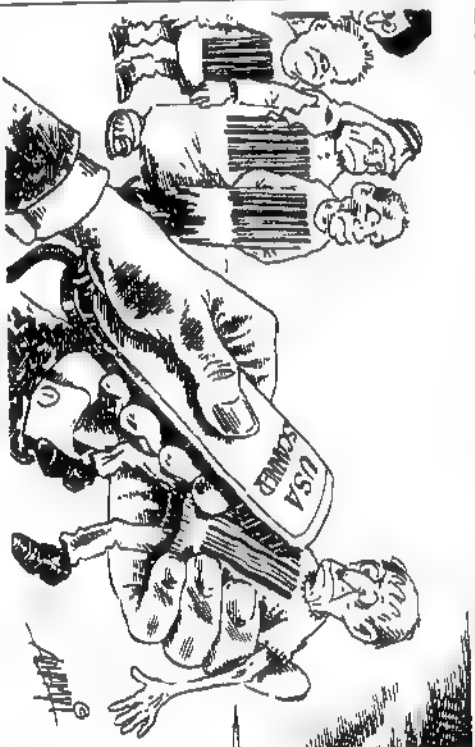
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Although the Europeans are divided into many nations and have many languages they have grouped themselves together and have agreed to adopt a common currency, the euro. They are also coming together in the fields of technology and commerce, and are taking steps to counter the millennium bug, which could cause serious problems for computer systems in the year 2000.

We in the Middle East must make every attempt to change for the better.

Hashim Ibrahim Faisal  
Jeddah

### Corruption in society

Sir - This has reference to the letter "Corruption and society" by Fay Bishl (Saudi Gazette, July 18). I agree with him that many institutions in India are suffering from corruption.

For admission to the schools, colleges and universities, if a student does not have good marks or certificates it does not matter very much but it is compulsory that the student give a bribe to the officials. This is a very common practice in India. I am sure that the customs, immigration and police officials are also involved in this practice.

This brings us to the question of leadership. The team does require a leader or captain. Without one the team would be in danger of losing its sense of direction. The functions of the captain need to be defined, however. The captain should all as a member of the team. More equal than others, but a team

### Philippine School crisis - I

Sir - There have been many conflicting claims in the press about the New International Philippine School in Jeddah (NIPSJ) so that most of the parents are confused about the situation. Personally, I do not care who sits on the school board as long as the members respect and represent the interests of the Philippine children.

With all that is going on at the NIPSJ, it is a pity that the school is still in operation. The one inside the classrooms where there are classes without permanent or qualified teachers.

Many of us have come to accept this as a fact of school life at the NIPSJ but problems in the classrooms have more direct and deeper implications for our children's schooling than the board issue. The administration of the school and the people who are running it from day to day are having a bigger impact - positive or negative - on the lives of our children than the board issue.



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Sir: This summer hundreds of people have died from the scorching heat waves which have struck some parts of the US. Europe and the Indian subcontinent. In addition to that, a large number of people have died and millions have been displaced by the floods which have been raging in the South Asian and East Asian countries. It is feared that the human toll will rise, because of diseases coming in the wake of the floods. So the sum total of long term adverse effects cannot yet be estimated. It could take years to rectify the uprooted persons and rebuild houses, dams and bridges that have been washed away. There is human agony and anguish on an unprecedented scale all around us. But modern man has become

with strong anti-American sentiments. As measures go into place to increase security at American diplomatic locations worldwide it seems that the advocates of premeditated ruthless violence have taken one step further into the heart of darkness.

### Forward the embassy

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Muhammad Tharshan Pilla  
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A panel of 11 magistrates at Spain's top criminal tribunal, National Court ruled that Spain should request the extradition of the 82-year-old general for a trial in Spain, countering the decision of the High Court which said Pinochet enjoyed legal immunity.

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If, on the other hand, Britain's law lords unexpectedly quashes the decision of the High Court, Pinochet could become the first head of state

## Mideast peace

Impediments in the way of implementing the Wye accord should not drive the seekers of peace in the Middle East to despair. After all, the accord is not the final step in the peace process. It is, at best, one single step in the right direction. Where it will lead will be determined by the actions that follow. If the terms of the agreement are executed by the parties -- Palestinians, Israelis and the Americans -- there is hope. Further, as the past has proved, both in Israel and Palestine and even outside, there are forces whose actions and inactions can affect the face of the accord. When any process has that many imponderables, it would be rash to predict the final outcome. All that anybody can do is to pray.

It is not the first time for an agreement to be signed between Arabs and Israelis. It will not be easy to get Israel to release what it took by force from Arabs or to leave any part of the occupied land. Only a statesman with vision can see the long-term advantages of such an action. Israel does not have, at the moment, the benefits of such a leadership. For the present, it is extremely unlikely that the Palestinian will get a fair deal from the Israelis. So they should not be too optimistic about a fair implementation of what has been agreed on by Israel.

Hassim I. Fihail  
Jeddah

## Sheer malice

Again, Peter Goldsmith, in his letter "Cheer and get out" (Oct. 29), puts words into my mouth. I have never used the word "deportation". So he and Chris Wormoth have introduced a total non sequitur into the issue. Peter Goldsmith is maliciously and deliberately attempting to misrepresent my opinions.

I have never supported the deportation or anyone residing legally in the United Kingdom. I have been consistent in my support for people like Epoch Fewell and Bernie Grant (a black left wing Labor MP) who have advocated a voluntary scheme for repatriation. Voluntary repatriation is



charitable and kind as it makes it financially possible for those who wish to live in a country of their choice. Without such a scheme, many people from the ethnic minorities will continue to live in Britain simply because they lack the necessary capital to move out. Assisted repatriation would help them get on with living the sort of lives they are currently denied.

For Ather P. Shah's information (Oct. 29), British colonies were never an integral part of Britain. So those living in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh etc., have absolutely and utterly no right whatsoever to British citizenship, immigration and the search of asylum seeking should be brought to an immediate end.

Francis A. Andrew  
Dumman

## Sharif's failure

Mr. Nabeel Butt (Oct. 28) completely misread the real import of my letter. For one thing, I never sought to suggest that Sharif was directly responsible for the assassination of Hakim Saeed. What I meant to convey was that the present government in Pakistan had failed to translate its electoral promises into actions and establish its credibility.

There is nothing to suggest that the policies pursued by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will ensure social justice, economic stability and a corruption free society for the people of Pakistan. In fact, the various actions taken by the Sharif government have eroded the legal, fiscal and social system. The control of law-enforcing agencies is almost non-existent. People are losing faith in the government's ability to protect their lives, property and honor.

It is convenient to look for scapegoats, as Nabeel Butt and others like him do, and transfer the blame for one's own omissions and commissions







born in trouble with the law Cohen decided to continue, turning himself into a type of political refugee. He settled in the United States and avoided returning to Israel.

"Cohen is not Mohammed Vannun, who revealed classified information obtained while working at the Dimona reactor and was convicted of treason. Cohen is an academic researcher whose work is based on unclassified archive documents, previous publications and interviews with individuals.

### Common currency

Will the Arab dream of a common currency and a common market ever come true?

There is no reason why it cannot, if we really want it and work for it. Of course, it will not be easy. Apart from the tremendous amount of work that has to be done even before the idea can be discussed in a realistic manner, there has to be a recognition of the Arab perception of themselves. Europe's achievement is not the result of a one-day dream or a one-day vision. It is the culmination of sustained effort by the leaders and people of the continent ever since World War II. The engine that sustained its movement forward was the perception of the average European that their destiny was bound together. Politics' contribution, though great, was essentially to give a tangible form to that sense of common destiny.

The same sense of common destiny is already there in the Arab consciousness. We have much more in common, shared history, language, culture, memories and so on. Our leadership should do whatever is necessary to turn that desire into reality. That some of our countries are backward or have economic problems is no reason to conclude that we have no right to move toward a common future. Many of the countries who are now members of the G-7, the grouping of the richest nations in the world, were in worse conditions than we are now in Germany and Japan are examples. The Middle East should put its age of misery behind it. It is time now to follow the right and correct direction to claim our place in the modern world and to elect the new millennium as players and movers, not as bystanders and winners.

Haifa Ibrahim  
Jeddah

## Letters to the Editor

### Dubious game

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's recent speech, in which he sought to implicate Taleban-style rule in Pakistan, is not surprising, considering that he is faced with sagging popularity and growing criticism over his government's handling of various issues. Moreover, he is also beset with those corrupt elements in Pakistan who have siphoned off huge amounts of money into foreign banks and have milked the country dry. It is obvious that found waiting as he is in handling the affairs of Pakistan, he is now attempting to find legitimacy and loyalty to his rule by raising the flag of the Sharif, Taleban-style!

It is instructive to note that even the religious political parties in Pakistan have tended to shy away from Sharif's stand as they see it as a desperate attempt on his part to arrogate to himself the exclusive right to change the laws of the state and assume total power. It is unfortunate that the premier is focused only on those provisions of Islam which concern punishments and totally ignores those that emphasize social and economic justice, integrity, tolerance and quest for knowledge. His actions to be unimpaired of the fact that Pakistan's sectarian complexities as well as regional and linguistic diversities do not permit him to talk about a "Taleban-style" rule in Pakistan. He ignores another important point. Because of the existence of divergent schools of thought in the field of jurisprudence, the provisions of the Shariah have been open to different interpretations of the remaining provisions were divided and desecrated. Other provisions in Islam have been made into pyramids, erect villages or left in ruins.

If the remains of a synagogue or Jewish cemetery were treated this way anywhere in the world, Israel and its international Jewish organizations would move heaven and earth to protect them.

Excerpts from another article by Gideon Levy in the Sept. 6 Haaretz

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Siraj Ahmed  
Jeddah

### Ethiopia's patience?

People like Mr. Nureddin Muzaffar would do a great service to their people and country if they, instead of allaying fears as in the case of Ethiopian practice (Nov. 14), face facts. Being troubled to themselves and their people will save them from a terrible tragedy. Entara had not caused any Ethiopian territory to grab it and slaughter its citizens as he falsely charged. Why on earth would Entara do that? Entara does not have any animosity toward the Ethiopian people. Since long, they have coexisted, had relations with each

Such fraud reporting about the real obstacles to a land-for-peace Israel-Palestine settlement based upon U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 seldom appears outside Israel. For a US reporter to express the same opinion would elicit cries of "anti-Semitism." It is a little harder, however, for Israel's formidable lobby to deny statements such as those above when they are taken from one of its read's largest and most respected daily newspapers.

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The demand for international flights from the Gulf countries to Cochin (Nedumbassery) International Airport in India's southern state of Kerala, has been pressed through many channels. But unfortunately the aviation authorities in India have not paid much attention to it.

It is hoped that the authorities will take immediate action in this direction to help the huge number of expatriate employees from Kerala working in the Gulf.

Thomas K. Murali  
Jabalur

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- Friday, November 20, 1998
- 1616 - Cardinal Richelieu becomes France's minister of state for foreign affairs and war.
- 1695 - Bounty hunters kill rebel chief, John Frank, the leader of the largest community of runaway slaves in the Americas, known as the Maroon Republic of Palmaria.
- 1873 - Ethel of Buda and Post are elected to first capital of Hungary.
- 1946 - Second World War II: Accused Nazi war criminal, Hans Frank, is put on trial in Nuremberg, Germany.
- 1947 - English cricketer Eoin O'Brien and U.S. Public Health Service officer Albert J. Sabin are married in London's Westminster Abbey.
- 1977 - Egypt's President Anwar Sadat criticizes President Jimmy Carter's decision to grant Egypt's peace with Israel.
- 1980 - A special tribunal in China begins the first month trial of the Gang of Four, led by Jiang Qing, chairman Mao's youngest daughter.
- 1992 - A fire at Windsor Castle destroys one of Britain's largest diamond collections, but restores help save the castle's art treasures.
- 1993 - Sri Lankan army kills 100 Tamil rebels in the Tamil rebel stronghold of Jaffna City.
- 1996 - Republican Newt Gingrich nominated to become speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives despite an internal ethics probe into his actions.

Thought for today  
No man remains quiet when he was wrong for recognizes himself.—Thomas Merton

cause drew nationality and used the "no-conditions from power" he sees Sunday's referendum as yet another chance to realize his political ambitions. "I appeal to Albanians to reject this criminal constitution," he said recently.

The two brothers are afraid that a vote might break out on Sunday. People are all armed in our village and they are divided in two camps. We are in a dilemma," Naderi says.





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major criminal. He said it was for information about an earlier attempt on his own life.

Yeltsin's spokesman, Dmitry Yakushkin, refused to comment on Kozhakov's statements, saying he was simply trying to draw attention to himself with "pseudo-sensational declarations." Berezovsky called the former bodyguard "delinquent."

For weeks Berezovsky has been waging a noisy struggle against alleged persecution, accusing the FSB — once the KGB — of wanting to have him killed, calling for the Communist Party to be banned because of anti-Semitic remarks by one of its members and accusing the Communists of having murdered Starovotova.

He appears to be alarmed — and he may have cause. As Yeltsin's health worsens and the extended Yeltsin "family" of which he was once a part

ment "The authorities waste. demonstrate that they had certain he said "Everyone is now in expectation of presidential elections."

ORT is a barometer of Russia. It was firmly pro-Yeltsin early 1990s. It was the so-called bloody battle which ended in 1993, it loyally sided for Yeltsin's forces over Par during the Chechen War, and current affairs programs have a vehicle for Berezovsky's side.

Now, with Yeltsin chronic the Russian government — mainly owns the channel — pressure on Berezovsky controls ORT, the theory of the next president.

And all the signs are that sky is backing the right-way

## Kurdish tragedy

It is very sad that Kurds, a people with a glorious past, have become a people without a home. The world of Islam owes them a historical debt. Salahuddin Ayyubi, who beat back the Crusaders, was a Kurd.

Today, all the countries in which they have a significant presence are trying to annihilate them in one way or another. Turkey's bombing of Kurdish areas in northern Iraq were only the most recent examples of such attempts. Iraq's campaigns against them too are well-recorded.

They may have leaders who have committed mistakes or even crimes. But a whole community should not be destroyed for the fault of a few.

In fairness, the Muslim world must take an interest in the affairs of these men, women and children condemned to be refugees in their own lands, and ensure that they enjoy a minimum of human rights.

Hisham J. Hisham  
Jeddah

## Death penalty

It is disturbing that the death penalty has become a subject of debate in the Philippines. It should be carried out in the case of all those whose crimes, as determined by trial courts, deserved that punishment. Well-paid lawyers can always tie up the legal process with tricky arguments and ambiguous appeals. They should not be allowed to pervert the justice system with legalities.

While compassion and mercy are noble sentiments, we should not let them interfere with the principle of justice, if it is proven beyond reasonable doubt that the accused is guilty. Criminals have been making, with the help of human rights groups, such undue use of the privilege of due process that life has become dangerous for decent, law-abiding citizens. Corrupt and powerful individuals who have influence and money are now, in effect, deciding what rules should be, and invariably the rules they favor are such that help them to escape punishment for crimes.

The death penalty is in the penal code. But it has not been carried out

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since the beginning of the Aquino administration. We have to wait and see if the same will happen under Estrada.

While the penalty may not guarantee an end to heinous crimes in our country, it will surely eliminate savages who have proved that they cannot be part of civilized society. In the absence of such punishment, murderers, drug lords, corrupt politicians and officials guilty of robbing the wealth of the nation, and hoodlums in judges' robes are acquitted sooner or later to prey again on the people. Lobbyists supported by criminals are misusing words such as "democracy" and "freedom" to favor the bad elements in society.

When those who are involved in such crimes as rape and other immoral actions lead campaigns for the abolition of the death penalty, we should take a look at their motives.

I appeal to the president to let the execution of all those who were awarded the penalty be carried out immediately.

Umasa Calles Omar Jr.  
Tabuk

## Schroeder on tightrope

It now looks that the Germans who had wanted a change for the better have got one for the worse. In the case of Kohl, it took a long time before they wanted a change, but in that of Schroeder, it is not going to be long before they say that they have had it.

Kohl held the helm as Germany rose out of its ashes like the phoenix, and established himself as a great leader for Europe and a world class statesman. Schroeder was hailed as a breath of fresh air after sixteen years of conservative Kohl. He did not run for the chancellorship on any definite agenda — other than that of change.

However, immediately after his election, people started to get the feeling that Oskar Lafontaine, not Schroeder, was calling the shots. He made it a point to attend the recent central council meeting of the German

central bank, where he has been consistently trying to establish the core agenda of strict central bank control of the economy.

He has, for example, been that the central bank will solve monetary stability problems, employment as well. In the powerhouse of the German brokers, Lafontaine, not Schröder will be the man to watch.

The new chancellor's coadjutors, the Greens, are tasting po the first time and have their jobs. Although the minor parties have managed to grab the Ministry in the new government, the Greens, "the environmental party" do to the emerging leadership of Europe will be so interesting to watch.

Schroeder will be walking rope held up by the Greens and Lafontaine at the other end will do that will be anxiously by European unionists and skeptics alike.

Muhammed Abu  
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## Gas find in Shilal

Two American companies for the Ethiopian government completed a project to produce gas in the occupied Ogaden. The area is around Shilabo, just away from the "border" between Somalia and Ethiopia, and is mainly by Somali nomads. It belongs to Somalia. Ethiopia joined European colonists in the son of Somalia and added a an

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Yeltsin's spokesman, Dmitry Yakushkin, refused to comment on Kozhakov's statements, saying he was simply trying to draw attention to himself with "pseudo-sensational declarations." Berezovsky called the former bodyguard "delirious."

For weeks Berezovsky has been waging a noisy struggle against alleged persecution, accusing the FSB — once the KGB — of wanting to have him killed, calling for the Communist Party to be banned because of anti-Semitic remarks by one of its members and accusing the Communists of having murdered Starovoitova.

He appears to be alarmed — and he may have cause. As Yeltsin's health worsens and the extended Yeltsin "family" of which he was once a part

ment "The authorities wanted to demonstrate that they had control," he said. "Everyone is now in expectation of presidential elections."

ORT is a harbinger of Russia. It was firmly pro-Yeltsin early 1990s. It was the so-called bloody battle which ended in for Yeltsin to forces over Par 1993, it loyally lied for the during the Chechen War; and current affairs programs have a vehicle for Berezovsky's side.

Now, with Yeltsin chronic the Russian government — it wally owns the channel — it pressure on Berezovsky controls ORT, the theory g steer Russian voters in their c the next president.

And all the signs are that sky is backing the right wing

## Kurdish tragedy

It is very sad that Kurds, a people with a glorious past, have become a people without a home. The world of Islam owes them a historical debt. Salahuddin Ayyubi, who beat back the Crusaders, was a Kurd.

Today, all the countries in which they have a significant presence are trying to annihilate them in one way or another. Turkey's bombing of Kurdish areas in northern Iraq were only the most recent examples of such attempts. Iraq's campaigns against them too are well-recorded.

They may have leaders who have committed mistakes or even crimes. But a whole community should not be destroyed for the fault of a few.

In fairness, the Muslim world must take an interest in the affairs of these men, women and children condemned to be refugees in their own lands, and ensure that they enjoy a minimum of human rights.

Hisham J. Fakhri  
Jeddah

## Death penalty

It is disturbing that the death penalty has become a subject of debate in the Philippines. It should be carried out in the case of all those whose crimes, as determined by trial courts, deserved that punishment. Well-paid lawyers can always tie up the legal process with tricky arguments and ambiguous appeals. They should not be allowed to pervert the justice system with legalities.

While compassion and mercy are noble sentiments, we should not let them interfere with the principle of justice. If it is proven beyond reasonable doubt that the accused is guilty. Criminals have been making, with the help of human rights groups, such undue use of the privilege of due process that life has become dangerous for decent, law-abiding citizens. Corrupt and powerful individuals who have influence and money are now, in effect, deciding what rules should be, and invariably the rules they favor are such that help them to escape punishment for crimes.

The death penalty is in the penal code. But it has not been carried out

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since the beginning of the Aquino administration. We have to wait and see if the same will happen under Estrada.

While the penalty may not guarantee an end to heinous crimes in our country, it will surely eliminate savages who have proved that they cannot be part of civilized society. In the absence of such punishment, murderers, drug lords, corrupt politicians and officials guilty of robbing the wealth of the nation, and hoodlums in judges' robes are acquitted sooner or later to prey again on the people. Lobbies supported by criminals are misusing words such as "democracy" and "freedom" to favor the bad elements in society.

When those who are involved in such crimes as rape and other immoral actions lead campaigns for the abolition of the death penalty, we should take a look at their motives.

I appeal to the president to let the execution of all those who were awarded the penalty be carried out immediately.

Umasa Calles Omar Jr.  
Tabuk

## Schroeder on tightrope

It now looks that the Germans who had wanted a change for the better have got one for the worse. In the case of Kohl, it took a long time before they wanted a change; but in that of Schroeder, it is not going to be long before they say that they have had it.

Kohl held the helm as Germany rose out of its ashes like the phoenix, and established himself as a great leader for Europe and a world-class statesman. Schroeder was hailed as a breath of fresh air, after sixteen years of conservative Kohl. He did not run for the chancellorship on any definite agenda — other than that of change.

However, immediately after his election, people started to get the feeling that Oskar Lafontaine, not Schroeder, was calling the shots. He made it a point to attend the recent central council meeting of the German

central bank, where he has been consistently trying to establish the core agenda of strict central bank control of the economy.

He has, for example, been that the central bank will solve monetary stability problems, employment as well. In the powerhouse of the German brokers, Lafontaine, not Schröder will be the man to watch.

The new chancellor or co-chancellors, the Greens, are tasting po the first time and have their hands. Although the minor parties have managed to grab the Ministry in the new government, the Greens, "the environmental party" do to the emerging leadership of Europe will be so interesting to watch.

Schroeder will be walking rope held up by the Greens and Lafontaine at the other end will do that will be anxiously by European unionists and skeptics alike.

Muhammad Abu  
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## Gas find in Shilal

Two American companies for the Ethiopian government completed a project to produce gas in the occupied Ogaden. The area is around Shilabo, just away from the "border" between Somalia and Ethiopia, and is mainly by Somali nomads. It is belongs to Somalia. A Ethiopia joined European colonists in the son of Somalia and added a far

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...the fourth member of the Nehru-Gandhi family to...  
...to stay on. But that is unlikely to save him in the...  
...the hard-liners will do their best to ensure that the...  
...the personnel necessary to improve the economy do not...  
...that public alienation is clear, there is every...  
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...trocity upon the first time to...  
...Monday, Secretary of State Madeleine...  
...Aibright stopped short of publicly...  
...urging Britain to free the former U.S.-...  
...backed military dictator instead of ex-...  
...traditing him to Spain to stand trial for...  
...killings and torture during his 17-year...  
...rule.  
...But she made that preference clear...  
...when she said, "In Chile, the citizens...  
...of a democratic state are wrestling...  
...with a very difficult problem of how to...  
...balance the need for justice with the...  
...requirements of reconciliation. And I...  
...think significant respect should be...  
...given to their consciences." Pinochet...  
...negotiated an amnesty for himself be-...  
...fore handing over power in 1990, and...  
...despite recent hints by Chile's foreign

...his bloody 1973 coup against elected...  
...Socialist President Salvador Allende...  
...and does not want its own old exposed...  
...25 years later in a European court-...  
...room.  
...A British Foreign Office official...  
...denied that the United States had ob-...  
...jected to Pinochet's release. He said the...  
...issue had come up briefly in a con-...  
...versation between Aibright and For-...  
...eign Secretary Robin Cook on Nov...  
...21, and Cook had made clear it was a...  
...judicial matter. "Mrs Aibright has...  
...now stated the American govern-...  
...ment's view. We have noted that, but...  
...nothing more," the British side said.  
...Home Secretary Jack Straw will de-...  
...cide on Dec 9 whether to give the...  
...green light to extradition proceedings

...of only seven nations...  
...against the court's stan-...  
...dards conference in...  
...that the court should...  
...only when the U.N. S...  
...referred cases to it.  
...Washington's main...  
...that its own soldiers, w...  
...around the globe, could...  
...motivated charges des...  
...means to ensure the...  
...take up cases where...  
...were unable or unwilling...  
...also clear in Rome. I...  
...States wanted to co...  
...brought before inter...  
...and who was not by us

## Beirut vulnerable to foreign

By Jack Redden  
Beirut

EIGHT years after the guns of...  
...civil war finally fell silent...  
...Lebanon's economic rena-...  
...issance remains a fragile dream vul-...  
...nerable to Israeli attacks and the...  
...squabbling of its own politicians.

A day after Israeli politicians...  
...threatened to destroy the country's...  
...still recovering infrastructure, Leb-...  
...anon's Prime Minister Rafik Hariri...  
...stunned financial markets by quitting...  
...on Monday in a power struggle with...  
...the president Hariri, driving force...  
...through six years of reconstruction...  
...told newly installed President Emile...  
...Lahoud on Monday he would not stay...  
...under terms that appeared to undercut...  
...his authority.

"Everyone assumed," said one...  
...economist who had factored Hariri's...  
...continued presence into his forecasts...  
..."It was discounted in every scenario...  
...built by every decision maker in this...  
...country."

"So now that there is somebody else...  
...we have to see what kind of program...  
...there will be," he added. "It will be a...  
...test to see if there is a dependency on...  
...the person of the prime minister or not...  
...I hope we will pass the test."

The most likely successor is Selim...  
...Hoss, a veteran politician who has a...  
...doctorate in economics but a less...  
...known for being prime minister during...  
...some of the blackest periods of the...  
...1975-90 civil war. While described as...  
...respected throughout Lebanon's frag-...  
...mented society, Hoss is not a dominant...  
...personality on the scale of Hariri, the...  
...billionaire construction tycoon who...  
...guided the rebuilding of the country as...  
...if it was another mammoth contract...  
...Hariri is so identified with stabilizing...  
...the currency, which had been col-...  
...lapsing before he took office in 1992...  
...During his time in power, the Lebanese...  
...pound has actually risen in value...  
...against the dollar.

Underlining concerns over the cur-...  
...rency, the first vice governor of the...  
...Central Bank, Nasser Sadi, said on...  
...Sunday night the large but undeclared...  
...net foreign reserves — probably about...  
...\$4 billion — would guarantee ex-...  
...change rate stability. Foreign currency...  
...dealers reported rising demand for...  
...dollars had pushed the Lebanese pound...  
...to the edge of its official band against...  
...the dollar and said pressure could in-...  
...crease on Tuesday as investors faced...  
...the uncertainty of the post-Hariri era...  
...At least one financial organization...  
...suspended a key move scheduled for

Monday until the...  
...cleared.

Hariri's importance...  
...extends well beyond...  
...volvement in Lebanese...  
...persons. Investors...  
...could call on friend...  
...necessary, such as...  
...for \$500 million...  
...another \$100 million...  
...booster foreign reser-...  
...pressure on the Leban-

In London, where L...  
...are gloved as global...  
...all fell on Monday from...  
...The LITSI Lebanon...  
...dropped 2.65 percent...  
...of earlier this year when...  
...Hariri, interpreted as...  
...sent Lebanese shares...  
...don, only to recover...  
...when the company's...  
...time there was no retr-

The election of La...  
...assured continuation...  
...seen by the financial...  
...opportunity to end y...  
...impasse over govern-...  
...tween Hariri and the...  
...ment. Nabih Berni, a...  
...mini leader.

Lahoud, former he...  
...and an avowed enemy

## History's pattern

It is for the first time in history that...  
...one power reigns supreme over the...  
...world as America is doing now. An-...  
...cient Rome or China may have been...  
...the superpowers of their time, but that...  
...hardly mattered to those who were not...  
...within the riding distance of their ar-...  
...mies. In an age when the deadliest...  
...missile with the longest range was an...  
...arrow with poisoned tip, most parts of...  
...the world could live in blissful igno-...  
...rance of the superpower.

Not any longer. Technology has...  
...contracted the world so much that the...  
...enemy is only a button away. And the...  
...United States decides when this button...  
...should be pushed.

This has good and bad results. When...  
...many shared the stage, there was no...  
...hegemony. No one power could lay...  
...down the rule for the whole world and...  
...arbitrarily decide which were "civ-...  
...ilized" nations and which "rogues".  
...There was always somebody on the...  
...other side who could change the label...  
...That guaranteed an amount of dignity...  
...to all nations.

However, the situation also meant...  
...that the different claimants for the...  
...No 1 slot could decide to start a war to...  
...settle the issue. In this century alone...  
...we have had two great wars and in-...  
...numerable smaller ones, all of which...  
...were attempts to solve the question...  
...The final outcome has put America on...  
...the top.

However, this is not a situation that...  
...will remain for ever. That is not the law...  
...of nature. Night has fallen over the...  
...empire on which, it was thought, the...  
...sun would never set. It is a matter of...  
...time, as fixed as the waxing and wan-...  
...ing of the moon.

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History is a chronicle of events. It...  
...shows a pattern. And that pattern says...  
...that nothing is final. The wheel never...  
...stops turning.

Hashim Ibrahim  
Jeddah

## Eritrea-Ethiopia dispute

At a time when nations are forming...  
...organizations and communities to be-...  
...come parts of a closely linked global...  
...village, Ethiopia and Eritrea appear to...  
...be moving toward a conflict. The peo-...  
...ple of the two nations, similar in cul-...  
...ture and tradition, had lived together...  
...for centuries sharing the same destiny...  
...under feudal, and at times oppressive...  
...monarchs until Emperor Haile Selassie...  
...was toppled by Mengistu. The cruel...  
...and inept dictator was, after 17 years...  
...of brute reign, toppled by the com-...  
...bined efforts of the Eritrean Liberation...  
...Forces (EPLF) and the Tigray Libera-...  
...tion Forces (TPLF).

Eritrea's 30-year struggle was re-...  
...warded with total independence while...  
...Ethiopia's fate was entrusted to the...  
...TPLF with the blessing of the United...  
...Nations. Seven years on, the hor-...  
...rormoon came to an abrupt halt when...  
...the TPLF annexed a part of Eritrea in...  
...June 1998. The Eritreans requested an...  
...immediate meeting with the Ethiopian...  
...authorities to review their bilateral re-...  
...lations and eventually redefine the...  
...boundaries. The Ethiopian response...  
...was to bomb the airport in Eritrea's

capital. The Eritrean's...  
...authorities to renew...  
...authorities and start...  
...deaf ears. The TPLF...  
...a racial cleansing...  
...Eritrean houses in E...  
...ing, detaining and de...  
...and dumping them clo...  
...border for the orph...  
...en and children to...  
...Many of the "refugee...  
...psychological trauma...  
...Several Eritreans a...  
...opis for decades, c...  
...violently toward re-...  
...development. They we...  
...abandoning their po...  
...bank accounts were f...

At the same time, i...  
...that Eritreans had ex...  
...living in Eritrea. Th...  
...other human organ...  
...ified that the Ethiop...  
...stay in Eritrea and...  
...fairs. Those who left...  
...own volition.

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...to campaign for the premiership, or are mounting challenges from within existing parties.

While it is probable that some of the new parties now being formed will have disappeared by polling day, either by combining with each other or with established parties, or through lack of finance and/or support, it is impossible to predict who will win the election or even how the political parties will be aligned.

The greatest uncertainty surrounds a new centrist party which will challenge the primacy of Israel's two main political blocs. The new centrist party does not yet have a political platform,

## Ramadan spirit

Those who spend their time in the two holy cities of Meccah and Madinah these days are witnesses to a surprising transformation in the behavior of people. Everybody tries to help everybody else. There is a tangible spirit of brotherhood under standing and accommodation. There is quiet and peace. Coming though they are from different continents, and speaking different languages, in Meccah and Madinah, they are one single brotherhood.

Why can't all of us be as we are now after Ramadan too? After all, we are not supposed to be good in Ramadan alone, but in every moment of our lives. We should keep aside ourselves, in all the days of the year and in all the years of our lives, the spirit of Ramadan.

## Marshall Dayash

### Execution debate

It is quite understandable that the wife of Leo Deleage, the rape convict who is facing the prospect of being the first man to be executed in the Philippines in more than two decades, would try to save his life. The fact they have four children who will continue to pay in shame and humiliation, throughout their lives, for the crime of their father is a very persuasive argument. It is not that if his life is spared, he will be able to give them the care that a father should. Even if the press, which communicates the sentence, will remain in jail, unable to earn their bread. But they will be spared the stigma of having a father who was executed for raping a minor.

But was that the consideration that drove their mother to launch the

challenge to the political arena, the only officially ended his military service on Thursday, and who has yet to make a clear statement on his political beliefs. Officially he has no even announced his candidacy for the presidential election. He is popular mainly because many voters are disillusioned with the alternatives. They see him as representing something new," says Tapp, Brando political correspondent for Israel's Channel 2 television news.

If Netanyahu and Barak agree on nothing else, they both assume that the latter the elections, the better their chances. Although neither man party



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There are other possibilities. It is probable that all her actions now are scripted by the prospective cinema producer to ensure that there would be more interesting scenes in the film. If this was not the case, why should she act for cameras only now? There was a lot of time before this to solidify the affair if they had wanted to.

The campaign of others to save the convict too deserves a second look. Their efforts would be more meaningful if they would focus their attention on combating the rehabilitation of the rape victim who suffered not only humiliation as a result of the abuse but also dehumanization at the lowest level. The actions of these self-proclaimed human rights activists do not at all conform with logical reasoning. More so, when they emphasize the pain of losing a beloved one, forgetting the fact that the girl who was abused will probably never get fully rehabilitated in her lifetime.

To save the convict from execution at the last moment will send a wrong signal to the bad elements of society. The message will be misinterpreted as proof that there is no such thing as a heinous crime; that the commitment of a felony will only mean prolonged vacation inside the national penitentiary as the escape of the taxpayers, who are idiots enough to spend their lifetime trying to earn an honest living so that part of it will be contributed to the government for the well-being of those who are smarter by choosing to control themselves into a facility complete with five hours' trial hearing and some

challenge to Netanyahu (as well as a pressing de-homogenization of the Israeli Arab) Sharon said Monday night that he has would run for the premiership under certain circumstances. "Sharon's statement came only one day after he left the - ruling Likud government of Netanyahu at a meeting of the Likud central committee. The fact that he did not elaborate what his circumstances would push him into the race for the premiership only added to Israel's current political uncertainty.

Almost ignored amidst all the speculation is the Palestinian reaction. A stark, bombastic, campaign or Israeli cities in the run-up to the 1996 elections



reported, more than 800 now, the government should increase the number of justices serving the Supreme Court so that a panel could be formed with the sole purpose of reviewing just these kind of cases.

With the fearfully slow process of litigation at the very last stage to finally decide whether a convict must die, suspicion will arise that something improper is going on if someone with influence is set free because his conviction is overturned due to a lack of accuracy or insufficient evidence while those who are considered indignant and could not afford expensive lawyers, will probably be denied even their last meal required.

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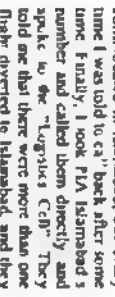
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Israel's annexation of these parts of the occupied West Bank is still controls Netanyahu has already tried to turn this into a campaign move, saying that only his Likud party can prevent a Palestinian state from being formed. In addition, he has charged that Arafat has promised to delay any declaration until after the election, so as to help the labor party.

At the election campaign entry, its final stages this issue is expected to become a major campaign issue and ironically, Arafat's intentions could end up deciding who will be Israel's next prime minister.



commodated in Islamabad, but every time I was told to "go" back after some time. Finally, I took PIA Islamabad's number and called them directly, and spoke to the "Luggage Cell". They told me that there were more than one flight diverted to Islamabad, and they had sent (actually forced) many Lahore passengers to go by bus, (again violating IATA rules). Some passengers refused to take the bus and were taken to various hotels, but PIA had no record of which passenger went where.

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This time the Arab media may be right to demand a summit, not to discuss the Iraq crisis, but to already as placed upon its people but to seek ways to discuss other crises related to Libya, Sudan and South Lebanon. We could also mention other grave political and economic challenges which deserve both attention and problem solving by an Arab summit. Then perhaps a torch would be lit and the summit's statements would go a long way towards to the reality of simple meditation.

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- Wednesday, December 30, 1998
- 1928 - French forces advance against Madrid in Spain.
- 1977 - British air crash off of Mediterranean Sea, south of Corsica.
- 1988 - Transworld Bears under Joseph P. Kemp, declare a republic.
- 1986 - German-Polish agreement on border issues between Poland and Germany signed.
- 1947 - Romania's King Michael abdicates under Communist pressure.
- 1949 - French transfers sovereignty to Vietnam.
- 1942 - China warns that cease-fire in border conflict with India is negotiable.
- 1944 - UN Security Council calls for end to all foreign intervention in the Congo, a cease-fire there, and withdrawal of mercenaries.
- 1940 - Polish Parliament approves reforms that allow formation of political parties, protect private property and deny communist Party monopoly on power.
- 1994 - North Korea releases U.S. Army helicopter pilot Bobby Hall, ending a 13-day crisis.
- 1994 - A bomb explodes inside an Egyptian train in northeastern Italy, killing 31 passengers.
- 1997 - China announces strategy for withdrawal on the use of the Internet, aiming to curtail the use of e-mail and the world wide web among dissidents.
- Throughout the day
- And four problems were left off the list in particular (a) those of you who do wrong. (b) those



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# Ramadan spirit

Those who spend their time in the  
 two holy cities of Meekah and Ma  
 during these days are witnesses to a  
 surprising transformation in the be  
 havior of people. Everybody tries to  
 help everybody else. There is a ban  
 gible spirit of brotherhood under a  
 standing and accommodation. There is  
 quiet and peace. Coming though they  
 are from different continents and  
 speaking different languages, in Me  
 kah and Meekah, they are one single  
 brotherhood.

Why can't all of us be as we are now  
 after Ramadan too? After all, we are  
 not supposed to be good in Ramadan  
 alone, but in every moment of our  
 lives. We should keep aside ourselves  
 on all the days of the year and in all the  
 years of our lives, the spirit of Ram  
 adan.

# Execution debate

It is quite understandable that the  
 wife of Leo Echegaray, the rape con  
 vict who is facing the prospect of being  
 the first man to be executed in the Phi  
 lipines in more than two decades,  
 would try to save his life. The fact they  
 have four children who will continue  
 to pay in shame and humiliation,  
 throughout their lives, for the crime of  
 their father is a very persuasive argu  
 ment. It is not that if his life is spared,  
 he will be able to give them the care  
 that a father should. Even if the pres  
 ident commutes the sentence, he will  
 remain in jail, unable to earn the stig  
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# Letters to the Editor

There are other possibilities. It is prob  
 able that all her actions now are  
 scripted by the prospective cinema  
 producer to ensure that there would be  
 most interesting scenes in the film. If  
 this was not the case, why should she  
 ask for marriage only now? There was  
 a lot of time before this to solemnize  
 the affair if they had wanted to.

The campaign of others to save the  
 convict no deserves a second look.  
 Their efforts would be more mean  
 ingful if they would focus their atten  
 tion in commending the rehabilitation of  
 the rape victim who suffered not only  
 humiliation as a result of the abuse but  
 also debarment at the lowest level.  
 The actions of these self proclaimed  
 human rights activists do not at all  
 conform with logical reasoning. More  
 so, when they emphasize the pain of  
 losing a beloved one, forgetting the  
 fact that the girl who was abused will  
 probably never get fully rehabilitated  
 in her lifetime.

To save the convict from execution  
 at the last moment will send a wrong  
 signal to the bad elements of society.  
 The message will be misinterpreted as  
 a proof that there is no such thing as a  
 heinous crime. That the commitment of  
 a felony will only mean prolonged va  
 cation inside the national penitentiary  
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 tin Luther King Jr. in Chicago.
- 1980 - Thousands of British soldiers  
 were killed in a battle in  
 Northern Ireland.
- 1984 - German-Polish agreement  
 on border between  
 Angora and German South  
 West Africa.
- 1987 - Romanian King Nicolae Ce  
 louscu was overthrown.
- 1989 - French President Mitterrand  
 visited Vietnam.
- 1993 - China warned that more fire in  
 border conflict with India is  
 inevitable.
- 1994 - U.N. Secretary General said  
 that it is necessary to  
 send in all foreign interven  
 tions to the Congo, a state of  
 terror and widespread fear.
- 1995 - Polish Parliament approved  
 law that will allow for  
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- 1996 - North Korea withdrew U.S.  
 Army helicopter pilot. Body  
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- 1997 - China announced strategy  
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## Saudia's attitude

The article by Nourah Al-Khateeb (Jan. 1) has brought to the attention of Arab News readers the problems created by the attitude of Saudia's cabin staff. We also had faced similar problems.

Generally, when an influential person complains to Saudia's flight attendants they try to comply even if the demands are not justifiable. But if a very legitimate complaint comes from a person who is not important or is an expatriate, the staff exercise the right to ignore it. It is as though they believe that the passengers must be thankful for the opportunity to "fly Saudia" and should accept any deal given by the staff. The other option for the passengers flying domestic routes is to travel by taxi which is an ordeal that few, especially women, will choose. I wish to hope that Saudia will take special care of female passengers according to Islamic values.

Amelia Hassan  
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## Euro

We must congratulate Europe for an achievement that would have been unthinkable a few decades ago. The nations that had been on each other's terms for centuries and had attacked and counterattacked each other on their own continent and on all the seas in their wars for colonies have now one single currency.

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Any common man knows that air raids on civilian and military targets will not solve the problem of weapons of mass destruction. It must be solved by using the good will of all parties involved with the fair and unbiased leadership of the U.N. secretary general.

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Priya Ratan  
 Jeddah

## Simple graft

This is a reference to "Questionable Business Practices" (Islam in Perspective, Jan. 1). This businessman knows of no company policy anywhere in the world that allows its participating agents to collect commissions from vendors and suppliers. Company management, civil law as well as Shariah would consider this corruption and graft, no matter how petty and how common a practice it may be.

U.A. Bae-Mann  
 Alkhobar

# TODAY IN HISTORY

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1776: Publisher recognizes Austria's role in the 1848-Spanish dispute.

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1921: First Indian Parliament in London. The 1848-Spanish dispute.

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February 1990 spent in prison for  
fighting white rule, he says he will re-  
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grandchildren. But a party strategist  
said the ruling African National Con-  
gress (ANC) hoped still to define a role  
for him as an ambassador for global  
reconciliation.

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election, which is scheduled to  
begin May 18 and 27.

A source in Mbeki's office

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# Growth of fascist movements jolt

By Gareth Jones  
Moscow

**Y**OUTHS sporting Nazi-style  
armbands and shouting ultra-  
nationalist slogans have joined  
Russia's political elite in declaring a  
new campaign against political ex-  
tremism.

But commentators say Russia's rul-  
ers have only themselves to blame for  
the growth of such fascist movements  
and said the latest crackdown might  
prove counterproductive. "Fascism is  
a sickness of the whole society. The  
best way of combating it is better gov-  
ernment," said Sergei Markov, head of  
the Institute for Political Studies. "If  
people believed their rulers really  
wanted to root out crime and corrup-  
tion, they would not be drawn to fascist  
solutions."

Earlier, a team of senior ministers  
and Kremlin aides working on an anti-  
extremism program announced they  
would submit proposals to the Cabinet  
by the end of the month. They were

reacting in part to a march last Sunday  
by several dozen Nazi-saluting sup-  
porters of ultranationalist Alexander  
Barkashov's Russian National Unity  
(RNE) group.

The RNE is a semi-military or-  
ganization which calls for a dicta-  
torship based on the dominance of eth-  
nic Russians. Its members are mostly  
younger men and women, unlike many  
Russian protest groups which tend to  
be dominated by older people nostalgic  
for Soviet rule.

The activists of the RNE wear dis-  
tinctive black uniforms, wear a sym-  
bol strongly reminiscent of the Nazi swas-  
tika and make Nazi-style salutes. The  
group describes itself as "national so-  
cialist" — the designation used by the  
Nazis.

On Tuesday newspapers devoted  
their front pages to the RNE's march,  
noting the grim irony of the use of Nazi  
symbols in a country which lost many  
millions of people in World War II.  
"Our security forces clearly don't con-  
sider swastikas and Nazi salutes of-

fensive to the citizens of our co-  
untry," said the liberal Izvestia daily.  
Russian fascists have betrayed  
fathers and grandfathers who  
quashed Hitler's Germany.

But Markov said official cam-  
paigns against movements like the RNE  
end up backfiring because the  
extremists' greater public  
risked turning them into martyrs.

The Communist speaker of the  
lower house of parliament, the  
Duma, also criticized the il-  
lment's stance. Gennady Selez-  
nev told RIA-Tass news agency it  
rising down Soviet-era sports  
the government had denied you  
outlet for their energy and pain  
making them easy targets for  
terrorism.

Some commentators doubt  
government had the means to im-  
plement its new anti-extremism pro-  
gram. It is a very real, for ministers  
together and declare war on ex-  
tremism.

The problem is with enforcing

## Wailers and workers

All the loud cries about the lack of  
progress in Arab countries will come  
to nothing unless we, as a community,  
recognize that wailing, no matter how  
well done, will get us nowhere.

No nation or people have achieved  
anything without intelligent planning  
and hard work. For Arab countries too,  
there is no other choice. If they want to  
improve their living standards, they  
have to put their brains and bodies to  
hard labor. And they should not give  
up at the first obstacle they encounter,  
shouting "conspiracy." Problems will  
be there. Those who survive are those  
who expect and overcome them, not  
those who fear them. This is true at  
national and individual levels, and in  
every field of human activity — from  
national development to personal  
business, from education to sports.

Those who complain about lack of  
opportunities are deceiving themselves  
and others. Opportunities are there, but  
they will be found only by those who  
are willing to look. There is no point in  
waiting for the government or the  
world to present us with opportunities  
on a silver platter. We must take charge  
of our future.

Hisham Ibrahim  
Jeddah

## Take it as a game

Looking at the euphoria the fol-  
lowed after Pakistan's Madras victory,  
one wonders whether it was a game of  
cricket or a religious war. I can im-  
agine the fate of the Pakistani players,  
had they been in a situation similar to  
the one the Indians are now in, in their  
home country. Many inquiry com-  
mittees would have been set up.

It is true they learned something  
from their Indian counterparts in gen-  
eral and the Madras crowd in par-  
ticular. It is their victory at the end.  
There can be one Bal Thackeray and a  
few of his followers in India, but even  
a common man on the street, let alone  
the elite and educated class, know it's  
just a game and react accordingly.  
The irony of the fact is, those who  
overwhelmingly rejoice in victory, get  
a sword in their hands, start sounding  
like Thackeray, and go after the head

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of the players once they lose to India.  
A true winner should be equally  
graceful in defeat.

Zain Al Abidin  
Jeddah

## Altaf and other 'bhais'

The news that Altaf Hussain was  
granted asylum in the U.K. was con-  
sidered by some people such a great  
occasion that they distributed sweets.  
That makes me wonder about the  
mental health of those individuals. It  
seems that they have got into the habit  
of giving away sweets for everything.  
Mr. Altaf does including his coming  
out of the restroom safe and sound.

These people don't realize that Altaf  
has been making fools of them from  
day one. Innocent people are dying in  
the streets of Karachi every day be-  
cause of him, while he enjoys a lavish  
life in the U.K. The poor guy has to go  
to work in the morning, prepare his  
meals, do laundry etc. etc. and then  
give out interviews over the telephone,  
paying for all from his pocket! He is  
just sacrificing his life for the sake of  
his party.

And speaking of parties, they are  
born in Pakistan like mosquitoes in  
rainy season: Sipah-e-Tehrik-e-  
that and so on. It's making people sick  
just to read about them.

The thing that hurts most is that you  
still find people who support Altaf and  
the likes of him. Will somebody give  
just one good reason for this? They  
have done nothing but to loot ordinary  
Pakistanis and have them killed in the  
streets later.

The bottom line is that Altaf Hus-  
sein or the jailed and humiliated PPP  
leaders or the current government have  
done nothing, absolutely nothing, for  
ordinary Pakistanis. Everyone that  
comes to power is either busy coming  
to the Kingdom during every Ramadan  
at the taxpayers' expense to perform  
Umrah or making trips to other coun-  
tries.

I hope one day, before it is too  
late, we will wake up and realize how  
politicians are playing with our lives.

Abbas Saeed Siddiqi  
Jeddah

## Matter of kindness

Third World Charities' letter "Lead  
first" (Jan 24), was an exaggeration  
of facts. I have also witnessed similar  
actions. One needs a kind heart, not  
hard stone, to understand the pain and  
worries of others.

In Charlie's own words "The re-  
sult begins with the arrival of a  
woman with few kids and a husband." The  
mention of "a few kids" indicates that  
the lady has kids traveling with her and  
has got a few seats in one row and  
some in another. Suppose two kids are  
sitting with the mother and two with  
the father. In this situation, if wife and  
husband are separated, it would be too  
difficult for the mother to control the  
kids or difficult for the father to feed  
them or take them to the toilet etc. So  
the whole family wants to sit together.  
What is wrong in that?

Mr. Charlie has manipulated the sit-  
uation. Normally, courtesy demands that  
one has to vacate his seat enabling  
small kids to sit comfortably with their  
parents. Those who have no kindness  
in their heart are unable to understand  
this situation.

Syed Anees Iqbal  
Abqeq

## Superpower of injustice

This world is full of injustice. The  
American hegemony is one of the pure  
injustice of our time.

Today there is no United Nations  
and no Security Council. There is no  
superpower except America. It is al-  
ways simple now. What is good and  
commendable is what is good for  
America, and what is evil is what does  
not serve the interests of America.

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At this juncture, if the Congress splits it will give rise to regionalism and India will have yet another fractured parlia-

ment. Therefore, Sonia should play the real "Gandhi". She should take back her recognition and reinstate Pawar, Sangma and Tariq into the party.

Khalid  
Abna

### Unstability

This is in response to Mr. Muhammad Siddiq's "No logic" (May 22) and Imruz Ahmad Khan's letters.

Mr. Muhammad Siddiq's response is very appreciable that there is no logic in criticizing Sonia Gandhi as foreigner since she took Indian citizenship long back.

If the question of foreign-born was moot then why was this question not raised by the dissenting "troika" when Ms. Gandhi was appointed as president of Congress.

Moreover that BJP coalition government was never stable government. From the start of its one-year rule in Bihar and Unstability were the norm.

Muhammad Abdul Saleem  
Dammar

### Avoid squabbling

Now that the elections have been announced, the parties need to sort themselves out and find out what is to be done instead of squabbling among themselves and making the current situation in India more murky.

There are too much internal problems in all Indian parties, and the expectation that the Sonia Gandhi-led Congress would prove a major factor in these elections have been dashed with petty party infighting.

Congress has to set its house in order quickly for there is so much work to be done. Whoever is elected, the new prime minister will have his/her work cut out for him or her. The country's politics and economy are in a mess and the Indian people will hopefully vote for a stable government in order to march forward in the new millennium.

Muhammad Ibrahim Hashim  
Jeddah

### Diplomatic play

The main pillars and principles of the TPLF regime is a lie, fabricate and distort events. Their clever diplomatic play is to have equal footage to what Eritrea claim. If Eritrea claims it has killed certain numbers, I soldiers they have to claim a little higher numbers.

If Eritrea says that Ethiopia deported certain number of people they have to claim a most the same numbers. Even the TV and radio program of Eritrea is repeated in the Ethiopia TV and radio program on the reverse side.

Above all they invaded and occupied our land and still they claim Eritrea invaded them.

We are fed up to hear the statement which says both a number claim. The international community and especially the mass media must differentiate between the truth and fabrication.

At this time the media is saying that both countries are interpreting the OAT framework of agreement differently. OK, what about the OAT? Where does it lay its promise?

Before Eritrea's acceptance of the proposal everybody was pushing it to accept it. Why is there a stand now? They should not become instruments of TPLF and let them come forward and spell out what their proposal is like while pulling obstacles.

Ghirmay Yemane  
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At this juncture, if the Congress splits it will give rise to regionalism and India will have yet another fractured parliament.

Therefore Sonia should play the real "Gandhi". She should take back her recognition and reinstate Pawar, Sangma and Tariq into the party.

Khalid  
Abela

### Unstability

This is in response to Mr. Muhammad Siddiq's "No logic" (May 22) and Imraz Ahmad Khan's letters.

Mr. Muhammad Siddiq's response is very appreciable that there is no logic in criticizing Sonia Gandhi as she is since she took Indian citizenship long back.

If the question of foreign-born was more than why was this question raised by the dissenting "troika" when Mr. Gandhi was appointed as president of Congress.

Moreover that BJP coalition government was never stable government. From the start of its one-year rule in Delhi and Unstability were the norm.

Muhammad Abdul Saleem  
Dammam

### Avoid squabbling

Now that the elections have been announced, the parties need to sort themselves out and find out what is to be done instead of squabbling among themselves and making the current situation in India more murky.

There are no much internal problems in all Indian parties, and the expectation that the Sonia Gandhi led Congress would prove a major factor in these elections have been dashed with petty party infighting.

Congress has to set its house in order quickly for there is so much work to be done. Whoever is elected, the new prime minister will have his/her work cut out for him or her. The country's politics and economy are in a mess and the Indian people will hopefully vote for a stable government in order to march forward in the new millennium.

Hesham Ibrahim Hesham  
Jeddah

### Diplomatic play

The main pillars and principles of the TPIF regime is to fabricate and distort events. Their clever diplomatic play is to have equal footing to what Entrecas claim. If Entrecas claims it has killed certain numbers, I soldiers they have to claim a little higher numbers.

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Above all, they invaded and occupied our land and still they claim to have invaded them.

We are fed up to hear the statement which says both a surveillance... The internal conflict, minority and majority the mass media must differentiate between truth and fabrication.

At this time the media is saying that both countries are interpreting the OAT framework of agreement. And only OK, what about the OAT? Where does it lay its promise.

Before Entrecas' acceptance of the proposal everybody was pushing it to accept it. Why is there a sudden change? They should not become instruments of TPIF and get them come forward and spell out what their proposals are and who is putting obstacles.

Ghirmay Yemane  
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# Horn talks may not get to

By Peter Dausend

ASMARA — Is peace breaking out all over on the continent of wars? Just a few weeks after the cease-fire agreements in Sierra Leone and the Congo, there are signs of an end to the 14-month border war between Eritrea and Ethiopia.

The Organization of African Unity (OAU) has announced that delegations from the two warring countries will shortly meet in Algiers to work out the technical details of a peace agreement, the principles of which were agreed at the OAU summit in the Algerian capital in mid-July.

So it seems that, now that the brush-fire wars in the west (Sierra Leone) and the center (Congo) of Africa have ended, the biggest fire in the east of the continent may be quenched. However, the embers glimmer on.

Although former US National Security Adviser Anthony Lake, special envoy for the Horn of Africa, has called the upcoming conference a sign of "great progress toward a genuine

peace," the problems to be solved in Algiers are only superficial and the talks will not get to the real heart of the matter.

The odd thing about the "border war" between Eritrea and Ethiopia is that it has less to do with the border in the so-called Badme triangle — which has been in dispute for years — than with injured national pride and economic interests. The two sides' troops will withdraw from the conquered border territories as envisaged by the OAU plan, but whether there is reason to doubt that this will bring peace to the region. The trust between the two countries, which until 1993 formed a single state, has been shattered. Eritrea's President Isaias Afewerki, and Ethiopian Premier Meles Zenawi, once comrades-in-arms in the struggle against the Ethiopian dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam, are now fierce opponents.

After gaining independence, desperately poor Eritrea sought an "African solution" to its problems, deliberately refusing any financial aid from outside. This made it a favorite

with all those involved in the

The fact that Ethiopia's febrile and stridently nationalistic government has blatantly seen sympathizers in the Eritrean revolution when the struggle for the secession of all its own currency in 1998. From the trade between the two countries, which has been in hard currency since the Eritrean empire of the 19th century.

The secession since had already a landlocked country, connections to the Horn of Africa, further economic development, the dispute over the region was discharged the countries — and the latest peace

## Opportunities for Saudis

It is the summer season again, and many fresh graduates are looking for jobs. They all hope that government or private sector establishments will give them opportunities to put their enthusiasm and knowledge to productive use.

What plans do we have for them? Have our business and government establishments chalked out a program to prepare and train them for a productive future and to absorb them into their work force eventually? It is everyone's responsibility to help them to take the first step toward the future they dream about. Once that all-important step is taken, they will, on their own, be able to build their lives in a better way. Starting from that point, they will be in a strong position to carry on the mission of nation building, move in the right direction and lead the country in the next millennium.

Hashim Ibrahim  
Jeddah

## The lad must learn

I was not comparing Tony Blair with Milosevic as alleged by Nabila Yaghmour (July 28). The damage which the Blairites are doing to Britain is constitutional — the creation of EU agency bureaux in Scotland and Wales, the handing over of our sovereignty to Brussels, the attack on the House of Lords and the betrayal of Ulster being the most outstanding examples.

Yaghmour mentions expatriates from all over the world returning to the UK. Where does he get this information from? The 400,000 new jobs and the reduction of unemployment by 50 percent is absolute nonsense. Were these ludicrous "statistics" obtained from the Department of Employment? And what does he mean by "18 years of Tory mismanagement"? Some examples of this would be in order. If the Conservatives were such a failure, then surely Tony Blair would now be reverting to the old-style socialist poli-

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icies which dominated the British political landscape from Attlee until the advent of Margaret Thatcher.

Blair has replaced Heath as the worst prime minister Britain has ever had. Blair has to realize that he cannot run a sophisticated democracy like Britain's on the basis of "aw shucks" sound bites and throwing childish temper tantrums at hecklers. The lad has a lot to learn.

Francis A. Andrew  
Dammam

## Thinking with heart

Kedir Atta's letters show that he has chosen, while analyzing events, to follow his heart rather than use his head. He has no doubt in his heart that all Eritreans and the world community are wrong. He suggests that 50,000 Eritreans were killed by Ethiopians. He is so thrilled with the numbers that he goes on to wonder what is going to happen to Eritreans. (He must have been crying when he wrote that). Kedir does not stop at that. We, the Ethiopians, he proclaims, are going to drive Isaias' forces out. And, all of a sudden, he hands the responsibility of driving out the EPLF back to the Eritreans.

While I do not wish to discourage his effort at semantics, I wish he would try thinking with his head. He should give his heart a break. Otherwise, he is going to end up in the museum of the Heart Foundation.

T.E.G. Hiwot  
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For Haj operations, it will be more advantageous to use double-decker buses than the ordinary type. Since they can carry double the number of

passengers, it will reduce traffic by half. It also means less fuel and also less cost. For example, only one bus is needed in place of two.

## Post-Kargil

Here are some comments from colleagues from media reports.

Pakistanis say resolution to resolve the dispute while India is mentioned. Indians have come badly bruised and badly figure runs. Pakistanis have suffered personnel losses, fighter planes, and one reconnaissance crew to Pakistan.

Pakistan government asked its people to contribute, whereas the Indians have been making fervent contributions and donations, contemplating the population of over 100 million on the border. Pakistan compensation of \$10,000 each person killed. TV tells us that the Indian officers in 1971 wars still remain of

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It is not the obligation of the Philippine Movies and Television Board to teach a conscience of moviegoers, see or not. But it should at least classify as "With Parental Guidance" (PG), "Restricted" (R), "For general patronage" (G), "Meticulously compiled" (M), "Theaters All movies" (T), "Adults only" (A) should be by persons from 21 and without exception.

The MTRB's duty is not only to regulate movie products (films and TV) but also for monetary consideration of every movie. This is what Armstrong expects to do.

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## Saudi Gazette

## COMMENT

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## World Cup spirit prevail?

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Perhaps more significantly from the French point of view is that the national team came from a broad cross section of society, a supposedly multiracial society from which many people of immigrant backgrounds feel excluded. The team was composed of players from a variety of ethnic backgrounds from Africa to the Caucasus and in the process, as one French commentator noted: "delivered a wonderful blow to the big, fat nose of Jean-Marie Le Pen".

The French National Front led by Le Pen draws its support from those who would like to see immigrants, especially nonwhite immigrants, repatriated. A cartoon in one French newspaper during the course of the World Cup had a drawing of a stereotyped Frenchman in a beret being asked if he detests foreigners. "Not as long as they go on scoring goals," he replies. But people can only "go on scoring goals" if they are given the opportunity and in the high-rise

blocks which circle most major French cities immigrants from North Africa and elsewhere are not being given those opportunities. The reality is that for many young people, particularly those from immigrant backgrounds, France, like other countries in Europe, presents a forbidding face.

Unemployment, which is already relatively high by European Union standards, is particularly high amongst young people from immigrant families. Exclusion leads to desperation which leads inevitably to crime.

France 98 showed the potential that a multicultural society can have if it is given the chance. It showed France in its best light. The question that remains is, when all the street parties and celebrations have finally died down, will the spirit of the World Cup 1998 infuse the future or will it simply be business as usual?



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no. One editor of an influential Urdu paper made it clear to him on the phone that if he didn't explode the bomb, the people would explode him.

There is, however, a growing debate in Pakistan whether it should have detonated the bomb at all. Note that the human rights activists and journalists are participating in it. A few of them were beaten up when they aired their objection in public. But the discussion behind the doors is fierce. According to them, Sharif had the best of opportunity to establish Pakistan's credentials of "not a maverick country before the world." For once he could have shown that Pakistan's policy was not a carbon copy of India's, they say. However bold and courageous they are, they

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## Congratulations, France!

Sir - It is a combination of hard work coupled with luck and home field advantage that made France win the World Soccer Cup for the first time in its history.

It is unfortunate that the soccer teams of Asian countries, especially Saudi Arabia, which had been proudly hoping to reach the World Cup Finals, lost their first round matches and had to return home in disappointment. However, they can exert more efforts and get better results in the next World Cup.

Congratulations, France! Keep it up!

Hashim Ibrahim Filali  
Jeddah

## Indian Muslims only want peace

Sir - The present situation in India is becoming very critical. The BJP is doing what it wants and the opposition parties, as usual, are trying to pull the government down. What have the people gained by the activities of all of these parties? Day by day, we are losing our humanity, brotherhood, love and peace. The parties coming to rule are only thinking of their own profit, not the nation's. The BJP government has conducted five nuclear tests with ulterior motives. The tests have helped to make its position strong and stable. No one else has benefited from the nuclear tests.

The prices of commodities are rising higher. The government cannot provide food, clothes and shelter to the poor. So where are they to go?

The BJP government does not guess why the Muslims are ignoring that party. The Muslims boycott the BJP because it wants to create a Ram Rajya (Hindu welfare state) which is definitely not possible in a country where so many religions are flourishing.

If the BJP wants to do something good for India and the Indians, first it should stop all construction works for a temple at Ayodhya. Second it should avoid misguiding youngsters in religious matters. Third it should ban parties like Bajrang Dal, Bharatiya Jan Sangh, Shiv Sena, Hindu Mahasabha, the VHP and the RSS. Fourth it should engage in dialogues with other minority communities. Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee said in the *Gazette* that interviews that the Muslims and Hindus had equal rights in the land of India. Why then do they create differences between them? Why do they mix politics with religion? These are really dangerous. In Pakistan, we

the killing of mad dogs.

If a man commits murder, he is given the death penalty. If human beings are sentenced to death in the manner what is wrong with putting man and animals to death?

Another incident occurred in a hospital in Maharashtra, where a dog snatched a child away from the maternity ward. Hence, first preference must be given to human protection, and then to animals.

Mohd. Saleemuddin  
Al-Qatif

## Philippine schools debate - 1

Sir - I would like to inform At. Delos Santos (*Saudi Gazette*, July 1) that it is bad news for the NIPSI to be continuously interfered with by the Philippine embassy or consulate because it is a violation of both the AC Manual and the Saudi Ministry of Education rules. The writer should know that, because of this interference, NIPSI, failed to get MOE license until now, the same situation that is used by the post as an excuse to strangle the school community in Jeddah.

The Manual of Regulations for the Operations of Philippine Schools Abroad was ratified by AC for implementation effective school year 1997-1998, official copy of which was received by NIPSI in October last year. It was supposed to be for public dissemination. However, it was kept secretive by the school board because it would jeopardize the positions of its members as well as the interests of their supporters. It is ridiculous to have an urgent seminar of the manual after a lapse of eight months, making it an excuse to postpone the election which is in itself a compliance with the manual and the host's regulations.

The board election on July 3, 1998 was a legitimate exercise clamored for by the school community, approved by the school director and duly approved by the first school board in its memo dated June 24, 1998. The so-called "legitimate instruction" to postpone the election was the result of a strong lobby with IAC by only a few people who want to cling to the chairs.

Urge Delos Santos to get a copy of the manual which is written in clear and simple English and honestly say it really needs an interpretation through a seminar or not. By the way, the manual is not only for NIPSI but rather for all Philippine schools abroad. Is it so accidental that only NIPSI



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### Babri Masjid

Sir - Destruction is the first phase of construction. This is an ideology in use.

I feel to destroy is better expressed about the destruction of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya. The subsequent preparations for the construction of a temple. The destruction has already taken place, but construction is in progress. All statements seem to indicate the fact that eventually a temple will emerge in its place.

Without being critical, I would like to ask a simple question: What preparations have been made for the reconstruction of the Babri Masjid?

Preparation versus preparation breeds neutralization. We all know that. The recent nuclear tests conducted by India and Pakistan have brought many people to their senses.

Muhammad Akbar Akbar  
Yanbu

### Unlucky Benazir

Sir - The interview of Benazir Bhutto (Saudi Gazette June 10) was very interesting. Benazir Bhutto is the most seasoned and talented politician of Pakistan. Politically she is more mature and liberal, compared to Nawaz Sharif. Oxford and Harvard educated Benazir is the biggest crowd pleaser politician. However fate has always been harsh to her. In her youth, in the period of Zia she was kept under house arrest for a number of years. Zia was afraid that if she was let free, she would become a threat to his military rule. Being Zia Bhutto's daughter she would get the sympathy of the masses. It was confirmed when she won the first general election held after Zia's death. But once again fate was not kind to her and her government was sacked by egotistic Ghulam Ishaque Khan. In her second tenure she was sacked by Leghari who was once her confidential lieutenant. Leghari did to Benazir what Zia had done to her father.

Benazir is also a very good columnist and her

articles reveal her broad vision. The sand Benazir took on Pakistan's nuclear explosion is right. She is right that Nawaz Sharif should have decided right away on the matter. She is also right that Sharif mismanaged economic affairs and the cancellation of fundamental rights by Sharif is also deplorable. The sufferers in either case are the poor people for the big flash had already withdrawn their money. However the credit of atomic/nuclear technology a development goes to late Bhutto and Sharif is carrying away the credit as if he had started the program.

Regarding the corruption charges and the Ehtesab Bureau it can be said that the charges leveled against her are politically motivated. No doubt Zardari was involved in many corruption scandals but the way he is kept under detention is against the law. A person, before law, is not a culprit unless the charges are proved. Though the government has arrested Zardari, but so far the government and the court could not prove anything. This is absolute political vengeance.

The Ehtesab Bureau has charged Benazir with corruption and has succeeded in blocking her accounts but the bureau has not yet taken any note of the corruption charges against Sharif. Sharif's involvement in the Tay Company scandal, in Yellow Cab scandal and Punjab Bank scandal are well known. Leghari's involvement in Mehran Bank scandal is also well-known but no case has been charged against either of them. In the eye of the law everyone is the same.

Moreover Zardari has been in detention from the day Benazir's government was sacked but nobody ever asked for a fair judgement. But he has

that of Jedia, but so far it has not been proved. In fact any external hand does not succeed unless it is supported by an internal hand. Sharif's government is full of nepotism. The government had also created a holiday, what Benazir declared Sunday a holiday instead of Friday but when Sharif did the same, they are over.

The services of Bhutto family for the cause of Pakistan cannot be undermined. It was Bhutto who started the nuclear program. It was Bhutto who declared the Qadianis non-Muslims. It was Bhutto who made Friday a holiday. And I was he who gave Pakistan a national dress.

Bhutto was a genius, but unfortunately he fell in bad hands and finally the man whom he appointed chief of the army ignoring the seniority of his generals, killed him.

Benazir has seen many ups and downs in her life. Whatever might be her shortcomings she is still a force and she cannot be written off.

Abu Yousaf

Khamis Mushayrit

### A bad experience with Gulf Air

Sir - I recently had a very bad experience with Gulf Air while returning after a one month vacation, from Kerala. I had a return ticket from Doha to Calicut on Gulf Air, which has flight links with Jet Airlines, a domestic carrier which carries passengers from Bombay to Calicut and other internal destinations.

On my return journey from Calicut via Jet Airlines, I reached Bombay airport at 4:30 on the evening of July 3. My connecting flight (FL No. GF0051) via Bahrain to Doha was 5:30 the following morning, i.e., July 4. I asked the Gulf Air concierge attendants at the airport about accommodation, which is usually provided, in such a long waiting situation. I was told that their instructions were only to give accommodation to Abu Dhabi and Doha passengers, and that the list, given by Gulf Air authorities, had not included my name. On making further inquiry, I realized that my ticket was old; I had purchased it before the fare increase. Those who bought their tickets before the increase were not entitled to courtesy accommodation. Consequently, I had to stay at airport the whole night, i.e., about 12 hours.

This unfortunate situation created a mental strain and hardship for me. It was a breach of promise on the part of Gulf Air. Such acts are not appropriate for an airline committed to providing good services for all its customers. I have decided that henceforth I will not fly by Gulf Air. Since I bought a down round trip ticket from Doha to Calicut, it was Gulf Air's responsibility to provide accommodation in the event of any delay in between flights.

Those who travel on Gulf Air should be made aware of this. Before traveling, they should check out the time of their connecting flights, and inquire about accommodation arrangements, so that they cannot be cheated.

M. Surendran

AJ-Khojhar

### Asian crisis

Sir - The money market crash is a disaster threatening the world at large and the East Asian countries, especially the Asian Tigers, with unexpected consequences.

Because we live in a new world, we have to understand what is happening in the money market. Otherwise, we will find ourselves in the worst possible situation.

Harithon Pillai

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(The first part of the appeared on July 2)

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HEN Herzl's to obtain a charter to Jews a home in Palen because of Susan / Hamud's complete rep the idea, he organized Zionist Congress in Switze land. Two Jewish delegates attend all over the world. The once formulated the Program" which could be the platform of the movement. The c reached a consensus the major Zion at gao eries on of a homeland Jewish people in Palen congress also founded: next World Jewish O tion (WJO) and inter establishment of bran every country with a sal Jewish population.

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## Will the

By Ed Stoddard

IN the urban sprawl of to, South Africa's market are an abstraction for the who else out a subsistence tance on the fringes of th mal economy. "It (the i faly) has not affected us said Thembu, a young ma survives by hawking fruit a roadside stand in this ship city just down the from Johannesburg.

Some economists say th bashing of South Africa

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percent this year. He emphasized that he could not give any populist concessions on a subject that affects Turkey's future."

The coalition is a minority government that depends on the fickle backing of a leftist opposition party. If this party does not back the government, it may fall when a censure motion is made. However, most analysts predict that Yilmaz will survive yet another motion. Those who want to bring down his government have no chance of securing the 278 votes required from the 550 seat Assembly.

The government is supposed to hold elections in April next year, but Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit has called for even earlier elections, declaring on Wednesday: "I believe it is better to call elections at the end of this year if this government is not given a chance to work in comfort."

It is hard to see how Yilmaz's government, or any

other, could work in comfort unless Turkey improves its faltering economy. A 90 percent inflation rate is eating into the income of all citizens with limited earnings. It is affecting all the components of government expenditure, private investment and consumption that comprise the gross national product. The IMF, as usual, is demanding an austerity program for Turkey as the only way to dig itself out of its economic hole.

The problem, however, is that most citizens do not look at the overall picture; they only focus on their personal problems and blame the government for everything. This kind of harsh program can only be implemented by a government that has a comfortable majority in parliament. It is hard to see how Turkey can get such a government even if elections were held. Turkey is polarized by a long-standing 'secular versus religious population.'

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Judge Louis Brandies, leader of the American Reform Judaism, and Dr Chaim Weizmann, the man credited with obtaining the Balfour Declaration and who was president of the World Zionist Organization (1921-29) and later became the first president of the Zionist state.

The dispute involved both personal issues and an ideological debate over the future of Zionism. American Reform Judaism, for example, proclaimed that Palestine was no longer a Jewish land and that the USA was "Zion."

To these Jews, Zionism was damaging to the fabric of Judaism and only served to stir up Russians that resulted in the claimed death of thousands of the heads of Russian

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### India, Pakistan nuclear states

Sir - An independent American thinktank, the Institute for Energy and Environment, Research, is right in urging the American as well as other world bodies to recognize India and Pakistan as countries that can proliferate nuclear bombs.

The American pride as well as the UN Security Council's resolutions may not favor including these Asian nations in the nuclear club. Will such a stand deactivate the nuclear bombs if dropped on civilian as well as military targets? Millions will die in the nuclear holocaust, that is going to be the reality whether the world accepts it or not!

India, Israel and Pakistan are widely believed to possess nuclear weapons. The five permanent Security Council members who are also nuclear powers cannot exclude them from the nuclear disarmament talks in the future.

The institute is also correct in observing that America's China policy does not seem to be an encouraging factor to bring India to the negotiating table. America's lukewarm response to India's concern over national security compounded by its preferential treatment of Pakistan and China, will affect the regional balance politically as well as militarily. Consequently, India will go ahead with the development of long range missiles to counter China's threats.

Ironically, it is difficult to understand America's gesture of turning a deaf ear to India's claim that South Asia's security is threatened more by China's covert activities - e.g., arming Pakistan by supplying it with missiles and nuclear weapons - than India's decision of going nuclear. Yet America has not made the slightest effort to chastise China!

The US must resort to confidence-building measures in Asia by being impartial. To achieve that it should stop being prejudiced against India. If India gains confidence in American peace-keeping efforts, it will be receptive to America's call for disarmament.

K. Kanniahkaran  
Riyadh

### Raj not neutral

Sir - I used to enjoy reading the letters from Mr Raj Behl, especially the ones attacking some of Greg Russell's claims. However, Mr Raj's letter (Saudi Gazette, July 14) does not reflect the views of a neutral observer of Indian politics, as he strongly criticizes Mr Kuldip Nayar, one of India's well-known writers, for being biased against the present government of India.

Mr Nayar's columns, many like me believe, are very interesting, straight forward in presenting matters and well-written, but he always tries to present the real face of the Sangh Parivar (BJP and Co.) - i.e., the real menace of today. Look

Mr Nayar has always been exposing the threat from these BJP, VHP and Shiv Sena leaders who are comparable more or less on a par to Netanyahu in their unethical behavior.

In assessing and predicting the BJP Government's performance, it does not require much intelligence to predict that two parallel, straight lines will never meet. Anybody would have laughed at the immature statements made by some of the ministers when India exploded its bombs. Now all are silent. India has never witnessed such a "chaotic" government in its 50 years of independence.

I call on the Saudi Gazette to arrange a questionnaire to evaluate the readership of its different columns. I am sure, Mr Nayar's will be among the top scoring.

K. Mohamed  
Jeddah

### Africa's disasters affect the world

Sir - It has become something normal to read about the many different disasters occurring in Africa, whether natural bad weather disasters, or man-made disasters, political problems causing wars and changes in a country's government - replacing one system with another.

Such very bad situations, of course, indirectly affect the rest of the world in the same way.

We all know that the African continent is very rich, as it holds all the world's natural resources. These disasters affect the world economy in return.

Hashim Ibrahim  
Jeddah

### NIPSI Board

Sir - "NIPSI Board" (Saudi Gazette, July 12) by Makasia Rungan alleges the active participation in school board elections by the Toastmasters Club of Jeddah, officially known as Tanglew Toastmasters Club, which I, as its charter President, find very disturbing and totally unfounded.

As one of thousands of worldwide registered members of the Toastmasters Clubs International based in California, US, and as one of the duly accredited clubs in Saudi Arabia, our vision is the empowerment of people to make them achieve their full potential and realize their dreams by improving their communication and leadership skills.

While it is true that some of the parents who actively participated in the recently conducted election of the NIPSI School Board are members of this club, their participation is purely limited to their capacity as the parents whose children are enrolled at NIPSI. The club has not opposed nor encouraged the conduct of the election and will never be involved in an activity which is not related to its mission and vision.



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The Palestinians made a great concession by accepting the US plan revealed to them and the Israelis behind closed doors seven months ago. The Israelis, on the other hand, have completely rejected the plan. Yet, the US has not publicly revealed the full text of its plan which calls for Israeli withdrawal from only 13 percent of the West Bank. Clearly, the US finds itself in a dilemma. By revealing the full text of its plan and underscoring the Palestinian acceptance vis-a-vis the Israeli rejection, it will embarrass itself and stir American public opinion against its pampered ally, Israel.

Netanyahu's expansionist mentality and intransigent policies are manifest in his rejection of

providing him with a golden opportunity for procrastination by reiterating his intransigent position and refusal to return the Arab territories occupied by Israel in exchange for a just and comprehensive peace settlement.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak called on the US to publicly disclose the full text of its plan, and expose Israel's utter rejection of it. "By not revealing its plan, the US is gambling away its credibility in the Mid-east as an honest peace broker," Mubarak said.

Most analysts had mistakenly believed the US would pressure Israel to withdraw from 13 percent of the West Bank. Instead, the US just arranged for the futile meeting, even though it knew fully-well that nothing tangible could come out of it.



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was talk of development of so  
called 'clean weapons', ones  
that killed off the 'enemy'  
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The catch phrase 'human  
rights' has become fashionable.  
This is good in principle but its  
application is so selective. Who  
is to define 'human rights'?  
One finds often that much more  
is made of the imprisonment of  
one dissident in one part of the  
world than of the massacre of  
thousands of innocent human  
beings in another. Is that fair, or  
even rational?

One should at the very least  
agree on one simple principle:  
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### Unfair exclusion

Sir - Taiwan's campaign to rejoin the United Nations is meant to draw attention to its unfair exclusion from the world body rather than challenge Beijing's UN seat, said the foreign ministry recently.

In anticipation of a fruitless bid this year for UN membership after US President Bill Clinton stated that Washington would not support the bid, ministry spokesman Roy Wu said Taiwan would rather demonstrate the unfairness of UN Resolution 2758, which stripped Taiwan of its UN membership in 1971.

Given that Taiwan has forsaken its long-standing policy of refusing to co-exist with Beijing and has virtually ruled out the possibility of engaging in military action to reclaim the mainland, Wu said the UN should revise its stance toward Taiwan accordingly.

Taiwan does not claim to be the government representing all of China, rather it demands fair representation in the UN for the territory and people under its jurisdiction, said Wu.

Claiming that Resolution 2758 is out of date in the post-Cold War period, when negotiation and cooperation have replaced ideological conflict and armed confrontation as the major factors affecting world development, Wu urged the UN to review the resolution in accordance with the new political reality and with the change in cross-strait relations.

As there are separate governments effectively ruling Taiwan and mainland China, separate representation for Taipei and Beijing in the United Nations will more properly reflect the de facto division between them, said Wu.

Fareed Hwang  
Riyadh

### A math genius

Sir - In reference to the article entitled "The Math's Detective" (Saudi Gazette, June 15) by Paul Mayende, let me join the millions in congratulating the mathematical wizard, Andrew Wiles, for solving math's greatest riddle of all times, the nerve-racking equation  $x^n + y^n = z^n$  where "n" is greater than 2.

Although this algebraic equation, also called Fermi's last theorem, appears to be simple and precise, it had been the most unsolvable equation for the past three hundred years. It is no exaggeration to say that this equation sent some mathematicians to their graves in utter disappointment — having failed to solve it.

It is fascinating to find a boy of only ten years, an age at which even the fundamentals of Algebra are hardly understood, setting his life ambition to solve this riddle which had eluded the brains of mathematical wizards for centuries.

The fact that Andrew Wiles had taken 34 precious years of his life to accomplish this great mathematical feat reveals how determined he was in pursuit of his goal.

This reminds me of another sensational brain teaser, Rubik's Cube, which is famous for having made the principal of an educational institution, who had retrieved the cube from a student, leave his job in order to solve its riddle.

K. Kamalakaran

The writer mischievously tried to twist the facts he claimed to have researched, but he should be taken to task for not knowing or refusing to know the following:

1. Nobody opposes the election except the members of the first school board.
2. The terms of appointment of the first board members expired last school year.
3. The ambassador, who appoints the board members, ordered the election to be conducted on or before the 3rd week of June 1998.
4. There was a consensus, reached on June 22, 1998 by an assembly of parents, faculty and staff in the presence of the ambassador, that an election be held on June 26, 1998.
5. The total number of voters (including parents, faculty and staff) was 525 out of which 217 cast their votes.

6. Although the council general has the moral responsibility to recognize the newly elected board officials, he did not take their side. In fact, the Consulate and Embassy recommended to Dr. Hamad Al-Balady of the MOE not to give the necessary recognition to the newly elected NIPSI board members in a meeting on July 8, 1998.

7. We are not taking our seats by force, but rather the school community gave us the mandate through a democratic process.

8. No one should make an excuse for not being informed of the election, because some parents were even informed more than once especially if they have more kids enrolled at NIPSI.

9. There is no urgency with the LAC seminar and it could not be used as another excuse for election deferment because the seminar was in the possession of the first board since October last year.

We did not take our oath until now out of decency and self-respect. The community has chosen us, and I believe even if the election were to be held a hundred times, those who have voted for the candidates will continue to support them.

Makan Rungan should not worry because we shall wait for the right opportunity to do the unsuspension. But let us not forget the truth "The higher you rise, the harder you'll fall; and the longer you stay, the shorter it lasts."

Dr. Amrullah S. Matingha  
Makkah

### Balance of power

Sir - It is quite true that Pakistan has no enemy except India, and that it utilizes much of its money and other resources to maintain a proper defense.

By successfully conducting its nuclear tests, Pakistan proved what it is capable of doing. The world need not be worried any longer by the power imbalance which occurred in the subcontinent after India conducted its nuclear tests.

Now, Pakistan is eligible to join the nuclear club. It is possible for other countries as well, to join the same club. However, if that happens, the situation will undoubtedly get out of control.

Hashim Ibrahim Fialli  
Jeddah

### Meyer is Punjabi

Sir - This is with reference to the load of rubbish written by Parthi Thevar. I am assumed that a

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Al-Duwama Island, three forth of which belongs to the Kingdom. The Saudi side tried to resolve the situation through peaceful means. However, there were provocations on the part of the Yemeni forces. The Yemeni media launched a malicious campaign against Saudi Arabia. Then, on Sunday the Yemeni troops started firing at Saudi forces on the island. As Prince Naif said, "It is the Yemeni border guards who started the aggression. We did not begin. We had to fight back in self-defense."

Prince Naif reiterated that Saudi Arabia does not want a dialogue with Yemen through the media. Communication channels at the highest level in the Kingdom are open to the Yemeni authorities. Saudi Arabia and Yemen have historical bonds. Both countries have maintained good neighborly relations from time immemorial. Therefore, discussing bilateral disputes in public will only add to the bitterness, rather

than contribute to solving the border problems.

In spite of the clash, Prince Naif has justifiably adopted a conciliatory tone, clearly stating that Saudi Arabia does not want to enter into any armed conflict, and that it would like to solve the border problem through direct negotiations without involving any third party. Between brothers this is the most logical course.

It seems that the message of conciliation given by Prince Naif during his press conference Monday has gone well with the Yemeni authorities. The scheduled arrival of Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdel-Kader Bajamal Saturday in the Kingdom is a positive move in that direction.

Yemen should try to prevent its forces from committing any provocation. It should accept the Kingdom's generous and sincere offer for a peaceful settlement of the border dispute.



## ust a big lie

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ause of Zionist aspiration  
that of Zionist leaders.

A few years before World  
II (1933), the Nazi regime  
to power in Germany and  
mediately began to take sys-  
temic measures against non-  
Jews, including communists,  
Jews and others. During the  
1941-1944, the Zionist  
movement accused the Ger-  
mans of killing six million Jews  
concentration camps for the  
purpose of: (a) drawing sym-  
pathy of the Allies who turned out  
corrosive, and (b) hastening the  
war as many countries to im-  
migrate to Palestine in order not  
to see the same destiny as those  
who were in German controlled  
land. It would be unfair to deny  
as Jews and other non-Aryans  
all faced persecution on the  
ends of the Nazis.

However, the count of deaths  
among the Jews was highly ex-  
aggerated for the reasons men-  
tioned below: (1) There is no  
historical tangible evidence for  
the strong version of the holo-  
caust exemplified in the burn-  
ing of six million Jews in Nazi  
gas chambers. (2) Most evi-

in gas chambers in Germany as  
many were made to believe, but  
rather in Poland with a much  
smaller number of victims than  
reported by the international  
Zionist movement.

Fred Lauchster, an American  
specialist in designing and con-  
structing gas chambers, visited  
Auschwitz (the city claimed to  
be the center of gas chambers  
where Jews were burnt). After  
examining these chambers, he  
reported that it would be ridi-  
culous to claim that such cham-  
bers were used for executing  
people.

The only evidence collected  
that Auschwitz was used as a  
death camp came from Rudolf  
Hess's (one of the captured  
commanders of the Nazi army)  
confessions that were extracted  
under severe torture and inter-  
rogation by British Intelli-  
gence. Such confessions cannot  
be used as reliable evidence,  
especially since they contradict  
professional opinions. The es-  
timated number of Jews killed  
during the war was 300,000;  
much less than the number of  
Muslims killed in the Jewish  
holocaust in Palestine.

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### An independent Kashmir

Sir - In reference to A. Salam's letter (*Saudi Gazette*, July 6) in which he says that Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan called those who are advocating for an independent Kashmir "traitors," I would like to pose the following question for both Salam and Khan: If campaigning for an independent Kashmir is traitorous, what about those who demanded a new country, Pakistan, during Partition in 1947 or even before that? Had they not betrayed their goals and broken their promises by agreeing to create Pakistan?

The Pakistani slogan is that Kashmir is only a part of Pakistan. Even Benazir agrees with this. But such a desire is unrealistic. If this slogan is quite popular with even the Pakistani leaders, then A. Salam should not be worried over the Kashmir issue.

M. Azam Zia  
Yanbu

### Making correct decisions

Sir - It is very important to keep our knowl-  
edge-base updated. We must realize that correct  
information leads to correct decisions, and that  
correct decisions culminate in correct actions.

We must also choose the right path when we  
become involved in business or industrial activi-  
ties. Otherwise, we will find ourselves in a terri-  
ble predicament at a time of swift changes.

We also have to utilize all available resources  
in order to improve our status.

Hassim Ibrahim  
Jeddah

### Baseless accusations

Sir - I would like to react to a letter sent by Mi-  
guel Baulista entitled "Baseless Accusations."  
(*Saudi Gazette*, July 14)

Firstly, let me clarify to our readers that I do  
not know Felix Serrano personally and I am  
coming to his defence because I and UNCLE, one  
of the most active mother organizations compris-  
ing of 25 different community organizations  
based in Riyadh, have been a victim of Maravi-  
la's way of sowing intrigues among the commu-  
nity leaders in Riyadh. I can vouch to Serrano's  
claim that Maravilla is a trouble-maker.

Secondly, I would like to refute Baulista's  
claim that Serrano showed the darker side of the  
situation. What he had written, I firmly believe

Naval and another Maravilla's destructive way  
further dividing the community and creating  
misunderstanding among community leaders.

This prompted me to take the cudgel for En-  
Naval. As their Secretary-General under UNCL  
it is my prime obligation to protect their rig-  
ht against any form of partisanship and unjusti-  
fied a strike right inside the Chancery Building  
denouncing this destructive move of Maravi-  
la. We sent our resignation letter to Ambassador  
Espaldon but it was not accepted by him. Amba-  
dor Espaldon encouraged us to stay put for  
sake of our country. As such, we went on in  
the fact that the working atmosphere at  
Maravilla was already unhealthy.

Based from my real experience with him  
cannot be convinced that Maravilla is a fine,  
career foreign service officer of the Phi-  
ippines and that he has shown his dedication to  
finest traditions of the diplomatic profession.

By the way, it did not come to me as a sur-  
prise if UNCLE was not invited in a meeting to cou-  
nter the petition against him.

The ambassador we need in Riyadh is in  
tradition of former Ambassador Romulo M.  
Espaldon - soft-spoken, humble, service-mi-  
nded and with a heart for those who are dedicated to  
true essence of community service. We do  
need the opposite of Ambassador Espaldon.

Rashid C. Saavi  
Riyadh

### Nayar not a Malayali

Sir - I was amused to read Pundit Thevar's  
on Kuldip Nayar (*Saudi Gazette*, July 13).  
Thevar can mistake Nayar for a Malayali (he  
is) and write such a letter, then my only ad-  
vice to Thevar is to go home and look around for a  
friend as guru to teach him politics. "I  
rule, every citizen is a politician and every  
citizen is an orator."

Indirectly, Thevar's letter is a more bet-  
ter reply to Raj Behl's than Shaikh Niamu-  
din's "Blinkered Vision" (July 19). Raj Behl and  
Thevar belong to a new group of hypocrites  
play hide-and-seek regarding their affili-  
ation. The ideology they nurture in their hearts  
look forward to the day when the incol-  
oured ally merges in the saffron color, by eq-  
ualizing nationalism with the Hinduism propa-  
gated by BJP government at the center now.

Raj Behl, you are grossly mistaken. I



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that was possible, there would have been no need  
for US mediation  
The Americans have been urging the Palestinians  
to talk to officials of the Israeli government, even  
though the Israelis have rejected the US proposal  
that they should withdraw from 13 percent of the West  
Bank. One wonders why the Americans continue with  
this policy when it is quite clear that nothing will come  
out of such talks.  
A Palestinian spokesman, Mahmoud Abbas, said  
that the Israelis tried to get round the US proposal for  
a 13 percent Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank. If

withdraw from all the areas...  
since the 1967 war in return for normal relations with  
all its neighbors.  
It is hard to see how there can be peace in the  
Mideast if Israel continues to flout the agreements it  
has entered into. That country has become a law  
unto itself because it honors no undertakings,  
ignores international law and refuses to implement  
United Nations resolutions  
It is a sad fact that the US protective umbrella is  
encouraging Israel to reveal in its role as the world's  
most prominent rogue nation



## Obuchi, now hard part



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Success will  
demand deft  
political footwork  
and a delicate  
economic balancing  
act. 'That's what  
we're sweating at  
now,'  
said one  
diplomat, when  
asked about  
prospects for  
prompt policy  
implementation.

For 60 days. Such bills  
will then be referred to the

do so in a destructive way."  
No Lower House election  
would be held until October 2000  
and the LDP wants as much  
time as possible before having  
to face voters, many of whom  
are clearly irritated at its inabil-  
ity thus far to reverse the  
economy from recession.  
"In this time of national con-  
fusion, I believe that naturally  
there is a need to cooperate, so  
we will not do anything such  
as holding the Upper House  
as a hostage to force general  
elections," opposition Demo-  
cratic Party executive Yukio  
Hayashida said in a televised  
interview.

Balancing bold consolida-  
tion of the financial sector,  
whose bad loan woes many  
blame for blocking recovery,  
with efforts to cushion the de-  
flationary fallout from bank  
closures and company failures  
also demands a delicate touch  
at the policy helm.

Many still doubt the LDP is  
prepared to perform the "major  
surgery" on the banking sector  
urged by failed candidate Sei-  
noku Kajiyama and sought by  
financial markets. If policy  
makers do bite the bullet on  
banking reform they face the  
equally tough task of trying to  
cushion the negative fallout  
from resulting bank closures  
and corporate failures.

It's a Catch 22 for the yen,"  
said Jeff Young, chief econo-  
mist at Salomon Smith Barney.  
"The yen will go down if they  
don't do anything (about the  
banks), and if they do act and  
try to offset the impact with  
loose monetary policy, the yen  
will go down," he said.

Shiozaki said the next govern-  
ment would deploy fiscal  
steps to offset the deflationary  
impact of a financial shakeout,  
but he said the government

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### Chinese mediation on Kashmir

Sir - China offered to mediate between India and  
Pakistan to resolve the long-standing Kashmir is-  
sue.

India might consider such a gesture by China.  
However, India should first be allowed to mediate  
between China and Tibet to resolve the Tibetan  
crisis, between China and the Philippines to re-  
solve the issue of Spratly Islands, and between  
China and Taiwan to settle the problems over  
Taiwan's independence. India will also be glad to  
mediate between China and its pro-democracy  
dissidents.

China forcibly occupied 40,000 sq km of Indi-  
an land during the 1962 Indo-China War. Never-  
theless, it has so far refused to talk about resolv-  
ing this outstanding border issue with India. Yet,  
China is generous enough in extending its good-  
will to resolve an issue which has nothing to do  
with it. Perhaps, China is trying to divert interna-  
tional attention from the yet to be resolved Indo-  
China border dispute.

When George Fernandes issued statements  
against China, most of the moderate Indians were  
angry with him. But China will destroy such  
goodwill, which is widespread among the Indi-  
ans, by its unnecessary meddling in India's inter-  
national affairs.

China must realize that it is better for the region  
if it promotes better relations with India - a nation  
that has all the potential to supersede it in every  
field. China must follow the example of America.  
Despite its being polarized against China ideo-  
logically, the US has been trying to normalize  
relations with this communist giant, because it  
considers China a potential 21st century super-  
power.

K. Kamalakrishnan  
Riyadh

### Still struggling

Sir - Very often we will find ourselves in the 21st  
century. Shamefully enough, the Third World  
countries are still struggling with a myriad prob-  
lems. They have nothing to carry with them into  
the next century except their political unrest and  
economic backwardness. On the other hand, the  
affluent West is fully equipped for the challenges  
of the future. It will cheerfully welcome the year  
2000 as a landmark in its story of fast develop-  
ment.

When will the Third World nations make a de-  
termined effort to prepare themselves for the new  
millennium?

Harithin Ibrahim Piliak  
Jeddah

### Palmero is to blame

Sir - For several days now, letters are being pub-  
lished about the NIPSS problem. It is sickening to  
note that both sides, the "newly elected but not  
recognized board" and the Ad Interim Board,  
seem to ignore the root of this mess.

The truth of the matter is that there is only one  
person responsible for this mess. It is the NIPSS  
OIC, Nenita Palmero, who took advantage of the  
situation by using the "newly elected but not rec-  
ognized board" to defy our government and  
overthrow the Ad Interim Board - all because she  
hates the guts of the lady Ad Interim Board  
member. She thought that by helping install the  
"newly elected but not recognized school board,"  
her countless blunders and shortcomings would  
be pardoned. That is where she is wrong.

The members of that board are intellectuals  
whose credentials and achievements are impe-  
cable. They are distinguished Filipinos living in  
Jeddah. All of them belong to well-known or-  
ganizations. That is why they have been chosen.  
On behalf of the Filipino community in Jeddah

protest against what he believed to be the embas-  
sador's shortcomings. However, Saavedra's group  
consisted of only two persons. Saavedra included  
and this is hardly an indication that he has the  
support of a community of 360,000 people.

We encourage Saavedra to take the high road  
and come to us in the spirit of goodwill and re-  
conciliation. Too much time is wasted in dealing  
with the baseless accusations of those who pre-  
tend to represent the true Filipinos. Instead, we  
should focus our energies on the unity of our  
community and the development of our nation.

Miguel R. Bautista  
Embassy spokesman  
Riyadh

### Mostly inaccurate

Sir - I refer to Felix Serrano's letter "Clinging to  
the Chair" (Saudi Gazette, July 10).

With due respect to Serrano, I beg to point out  
that there were inaccuracies in most of his com-  
ments about Jesus Noble Maravilla, acting Phi-  
lippine ambassador to Saudi Arabia. In some in-  
stances, he went out of context insulting the  
office of the ambassador by calling him exclusively  
a dictator, troublemaker and master of intrigue.  
This is unpatronizing and absolutely damaging to the  
national reputation of the Philippines. For a Fili-  
pino to insult his own ambassador is tantamount  
to insulting his own country and government.

Jesus Noble Maravilla is a long-time. He is  
an honorable career diplomat respected by the  
host countries where he has served, representing  
the Philippines. He is straightforward and pro-  
fessional in his dealings with fellow Filipinos. He  
is tough and always goes direct to the point with  
people who go astray. He hates to play politics;  
rather he concentrates on his duties in the embas-  
sy. It is not fair on the part of Serrano to accuse  
Maravilla of clinging to his chair. As a matter of  
fact, he was only following a directive from the  
Philippine Foreign Affairs officials that he should  
hold on to his office as acting ambassador until  
the arrival of the newly appointed ambassador.

There is no truth in the statement that Amba-  
sador Maravilla issued an order to dissolve the  
newly elected board of the New International  
Philippine School in Jeddah. He was merely fol-  
lowing an order from the Philippine Foreign Af-  
fairs under secretary Leonides Caday, to post-  
pone the elections to the school board until the  
Manual of Regulations is discussed with the par-  
ents and teaching staff.

In fact, under secretary Caday will visit the  
Kingdom August 8, accompanied by the Filipino  
Overseas Commissioner, Jose Molano and D  
Mendoza of the Department of Education, Cul-  
ture and Sports, to brief the parents and teaching  
staff on the new Manual of Regulations for Phi-  
lippine Schools Abroad. The group is also ex-  
pected to look into the problems involving the  
Philippine School in Jeddah. It is obvious that  
Felix Serrano has some ill feelings for Amba-  
sador Maravilla for reasons only known to himself.  
However, he cannot destroy the acting ambas-  
sador as his allegations are unfounded. But he has  
succeeded in besmearing the image and reputa-  
tion of the office of the ambassador of the Phi-  
lippines in Riyadh. Is this patriotism?

Dr. Mohd Ali Carlito L. Antille  
Riyadh

### Congratulations

Sir - Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj has broken  
the 1500 meters world athletic record at  
Golden Gala International Athletic Meet  
Rome. He erased more than one second off  
previous record set by Noureddine Morceli.  
Guerrouj set an incredible time of 3 minutes  
and 46 seconds.

1968 Mexico Olympic gold medalist Kip  
Sato, 1980 gold medalist Sebastian Coe and Si-  
mon Agnew, set a new world record of 3 minutes

## need for gun control

ice officers and the wounding at the United States Capitol which houses the Senate and the House of Representatives has focused attention on politicians in a nation with privately-owned firearms. The courage of the two men who sacrificed their lives in the attack is a much greater tragedy. The attack on the Capitol is a half-mast in honor of the two men. Investigation has been launched into the actions of Russell Eugene Weston, a man who is recorded as a "low-level" threat. He has written threatening letters to the President and Vice President. Weston, who was himself a "loner" with,

according to the *Miami Herald*, a grudge against the president and "various other public officials." This follows the usual pattern of sociopaths who feel that the Federal government represents an intrusion into the rights and freedoms of the individual, in particular the freedom of individual Americans to possess and carry weapons.

The *Herald* reports that Weston believed that a satellite dish pointing at his house in Montana was spying on him and that the government had planted landmines on his property which has now been sealed off by the authorities.

Weston's father, Russell senior, told the *Herald* that his son suffered from mental illness and had left the family home in Illinois last Thursday after shooting more than a dozen cats at the request of his grandmother, and taking a .38 caliber revolver with him when he left.

One unidentified American politician is quoted as saying that the Weston incident is an example of the price which democracy must pay to maintain. This is the type of rhetorical flourish which conceals the fact that the problems of widespread private gun-ownership and the dangers which stem from uniquely American problems.

The clinically insane exist everywhere but other countries in the Western world except America. They have such easy access to weapons. The United States is routinely tarnished by its lone gunmen going on the rampage and committing bloody massacres.

Whatever sympathy the international community might have for the victims of such horrendous acts is always tempered by the knowledge that if some effort is made to control public access to guns, then such tragedies are certain to continue.

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## e eludes g masses in ern Sudan

**Famines will continue until there is peace in Sudan, but peace has proved elusive. The reason: It is in no one's interest except the wretched and politically impotent farmers who must watch their children die.**

giving before."

Even without the rebel food tax, the massive infusion of aid helps the insurgents' military position, because their leaders do not have to pay the political price for causing the people they declare they are liberating to starve to death.

"If the UN is willing to ship 10,000 tons of food to the front line, don't tell me that doesn't have an impact," said one diplomat in Khartoum, who insisted on anonymity.

After 15 years of stalemate, it is beginning to look as if the war is unwinnable. Neither side appears to have the logistical

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### Israel will never make peace

Sir - The Israeli prime minister will never make peace with the Palestinians. The many agreements made by the previous government with the Palestinians have not been implemented and things are now going from bad to worse in the Mid-east. The only solution is to get the United States and the European Union more involved so as to force Israel to give the Palestinians their rights. Israelis ask for security, but since 1948 they have taken much more than they are being asked to give. Security is a weak excuse. They must carry out what they have agreed with the Arabs.

Hashim Ibrahim  
Makkah

### US wants to spy on India

Sir - Bangladesh has done a wise thing by rejecting America's offer of defense collaboration. Thus, it has impeded the spread of American hegemony in the Indian subcontinent.

Is Bangladesh in dire straits that America is so concerned to sign a defense treaty in haste with this subcontinent nation which borders the Bay of Bengal?

Even if that is so, where was America when East Pakistan (Bangladesh) was being annihilated in the early 1970s by the present Pakistan? On the contrary, did the US not strive against the humiliated Bangladesh by sending its Seventh Fleet to dislodge India from liberating the helpless people of Bangladesh from the humiliation they received at the hands of the Pakistani army? At that point in history, America was a staunch ally of Pakistan, and, therefore, did not favor the formation of Bangladesh.

If the US desires to help this poor nation, there are various other non-military needs for which Bangladesh is craving. In reality, offering an olive branch only to enhance military ties via some defense agreement with this Indian subcontinent nation is a sure indication of America's vested interests in the region.

Perhaps America wants to install nuclear monitoring devices in Bangladesh, near India's borders so as to spy on Indian nuclear and space activities, particularly, at this time when India is feared to have gone ahead of America and Russia in research and development of thermonuclear devices - a field which is still baffling the West.

school community. It was this interference which caused us an unnecessary waste of school year by paying a whole year's house rent for a school principal who left to Jeddah. The interference never ends, neither do the crises ended.

He also argued that the possible bribe to the school into two would not be by were you when the IPSJ science was created from the old PSJ? It started with students in 1995 and surged to over 4 in 1997, and with much lower cost proved to be economically viable and importantly, quality education was achieved.

The machinations of the Espalok, Guinonila-Molano-Mendoza-Palmero caused all the problems of both the IF NIPSI. Look at this scenario now on the merger, the NIPSI is still unlicensed other schools existing that teach the curriculum, the promised school principal, come, there are two school boards in the quality of education is at its lowest, the teachers are back, chaos and abound. Who and what suffer? The children's pockets!

Whoever thinks that the arrival next the DECS officials, Mendoza and Molano, a different picture must be half. These two have been moving back and forth for the last two years of 2000 plus the arrival of the new principal, but nothing has changed except the prolonging of the agony of Filipino schoolchildren and the burdens of parents with more expenses. What do they do for now? To explain a school that we have known about for the last two years.

Daniel

### Filipino school crisis - II

Sir - I am one of the "silent majority" of the New International Philippine School (NIPSI). The problems regarding our school have been reading about in your paper have made me worried about the education of our children. We heard about all of these problems many years ago and the people "behind the scenes" are the same old faces!





## Iran dilemma

Before the lower house introduced by the... which would have generation immigrants up, was defeated. This million Turks at present automatic right to a German them are now

ced in 1913 is based on than place of birth or was a recent decision by Turkish family because convicted of criminal other of the boy in ad in Germany for thirty

years. Expressing his bitterness, the father blamed the court's decision on the coming national elections in which the subjects of immigration and unemployment are likely to figure prominently. Opposition parties are making much of nationally high levels of unemployment and the presence of so many foreign workers in Germany which took in more refugees from the conflict in Bosnia than any other European country.

The Germans, of course, have a perfect right to determine who should and should not receive citizenship in their own country. What is alarming about the present situation, however, is the willingness of mainstream political parties such as Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) to play along with some of the more racially-inspired themes of right-wing opposition groups. Given German history, pandering to the right

might seem inadvisable. Perhaps the greatest must be that the authoritarian trend in German politics appears to enjoy the greatest support in east of the country, that part once under the control of the communists. In a way, this is hardly surprising. The authoritarianism of the fascist era simply gave way to that of the post-war communist era. In the western part of Germany, at least, people have more than half a century to adapt to a more liberal tradition. In the east, it seems, old habits die hard.

Blaming foreigners for a country's economic social woes has a long and dishonorable history just in Germany but in virtually every country in the world. In the long run, expediency is rarely a sound foundation on which to base national policy. Inevitably, the question must sooner or later arise about what motivates German opposition to Turkish membership of the European Union.



## t of the gab

By Khalid Bin Wakil  
**Offbeat**

sations though, have no such inhibitions about small talk. So it is hardly a matter of region or even climate. In the olden days, the English had a reputation for aloofness. It was reported that two Englishmen (or women) would not exchange a word unless and until they had been properly introduced. The availability of a third party, therefore, was a prerequisite to get a conversation going. And to any third party at that, it had to be someone well acquainted with both the parties in question.

There are several nations, those residents in South and West Asia thoroughly enjoy a good session of small talk. Such an occasion is relished not for any serious purpose but just to get those offbeat stories

har to different people in the art of conversation. Certain nations for instance, are very mild and soft spoken, others are rough and gruff. Still others, like the French, talk as much with their hands as their tongue.

Different nations express the same things in entirely different fashions. Certain nations in the East, for instance, avoid saying "no" even when they mean it. This sometimes leads to embarrassing and at times amusing situations.

There is this story of a foreign delegation that was visiting Japan in the 50s to negotiate an economic accord. The delegation would call at the concerned Japanese office day after day returning with the impression that the matter was making headway and a positive outcome was imminent. After five days of this charade, the country's ambassador was summoned to the Japanese Foreign Office.

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### Investments in Mid-east

Sir - Investments will only flow into a region, or into an individual country, if peace prevails there. No peace, no investments - it is as simple as that. Furthermore, without investments a sound economy cannot be developed and the quality of life of the people improved.

These facts of economic life have great relevance for the Mid-east. In this area there is great potential for economic development and no basic reason why business should not thrive, but the main precondition is a peace settlement for the Palestine region. Let us have true peace there and everything else will flow from it.

Hashim L. Fila  
Jeddah

### Disaster zone

Sir - This is with reference to the news item "Delhi dubbed a disaster zone" (Saudi Gazette, July 29) in which it was reported that Delhi has the fourth worst air pollution of all the cities in the world. The item also referred to the Supreme Court's banning of 15-year-old buses from the roads, which is, of course, an excellent measure. However, and to say, public-service buses are not the only causes of air pollution in Delhi; in fact they form only a small percentage of the problem.

If the Supreme Court would like to prevent pollution, it should start with old three-wheeler auto-rickshaws which are the main cause of air pollution in the city. Either these should be completely replaced with other vehicles or a strict method of pollution-control should be adapted for them - and also two-wheeler scooters - and any offenders should be punished.

Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) buses are the second worst polluters of the city. These are controlled by the Delhi municipal authority which should correct the situation before petitions are filed against it by environmentalists.

Delhi has too many vehicles for the available road space. It is therefore essential that the roads be improved as overcrowded roads, often jammed with traffic, add greatly to air pollution.

The main responsibility for pollution-control is therefore in the hands of the government which should come up with practical ways to solve the problem. Then it can look into the other problems that plague the lives of the people - environmental

tic and usually say, he must have been pre to move heaven and earth to meet the demands of the capital, which has suffered searing heat this year.

Nature has been very kind to India in enormous water resources but these have not utilized properly. Could it be true, as we hear the grapevine, that the CM fainted after the fine and could not be given water because the taps were dry? And that somebody crowd with a water bottle proffered him? That would indeed have been poetic justice.

Hats off to the police inspector for show sense of duty and carrying out his job with or favor. In a true democracy, nobody is above law and this brave and responsible act by a police officer should be applauded and it would serve as a warning to all road users. Now responsibility of his superiors in the police to see that this gentleman is not victimized commendable action. These superiors may yield to any political pressures on them action against this bold and honest officer responsibility will rest with the law-abiding people of Delhi to make sure that this man punished for doing his duty.

In fact, all Indians should take a leaf out of this police officer. They should do duty honestly, treat everybody equally and to bring to book all those who break the law either practice or encourage corruption. The only way forward for our country.

With a deep sense of responsibility and forthright desire to progress, Indians can withstand unjust pressures. As India crosses threshold into the next century, it should be to realize its full potential and direct its efforts in the right way. I agree with K. Kamalakar, not only China, but the entire world will then to give India the place it deserves in the community.

Raj  
Ja

### Well done, compatriot!

Sir - Well done Raj Babbar!

What else can we poor Indians expect people like you? Your unpaid phone amounting to Rs800,000 didn't surprise us least. Further, you showed the magnanimity to undergo a full term to clear the



# Saudi Gazette COMMENT

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## of a continuing battle

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with this rubbishing, they will be shown to be lying  
There was a long effort to make sure I was neutered  
and sidelined by the Department of Social Security.  
This was led by (former social security minister)  
Harriet Harman and her accomplices." Field also  
accused Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown  
of presiding over an old-style socialist "spending  
binge" and concluded that the chancellor's plans for  
welfare reform were likely to "minimize saving and  
encourage fraud." He added: "I am very glad that I  
had 12 years fighting Trotskyists in Birkenhead  
because, if I had not, I do not think I could have  
survived those fifteen months in the department. It is  
entirely true that Gordon was trying to block my ideas  
on pensions. I have kept all the computer disks and I  
will publish what I proposed to the Welfare Reform  
Committee." Media reports suggest that Field's plans  
for a "second-tier stakeholder pension" would have

cost in the region of £15 billion to £20 billion  
annually

Field's dismissal is significant because, until his  
downfall, he was generally regarded as one of the  
most intellectually able government figures. His  
departure has led some commentators to speculate  
that Blair has "gone soft" on radical changes to the  
welfare system. Chancellor Brown has promised  
minimum state pension regardless of contributory  
which Field argues would have a "corrupting  
influence" and penalize self-reliance. Britain's  
burgeoning welfare budget, now in the region of  
billion a year, remains a liability for all  
administrations. Yet pruning that budget is politically  
sensitive especially for a Labor government with  
socialist background. Field appears to have been  
first casualty in what is certain to be a continuing  
battle



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Between  
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BY EUDORA NAVANA



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...jee and Mayawati)." The party  
...feels that it has only to wait for  
...the apple" to ripen and fall in  
...its lap.

In whoever's lap it falls, the  
...general impression, even in the  
...BJP circles, is that the present  
...coalition cannot last long. What  
...happens if Jayalalitha with-  
...draws her support all of a sud-  
...den in the question that is de-  
...bated in Parliament's central  
...hall, which MPs of all parties  
...visit to exchange views? She  
...has the support of 27 MPs  
...while the BJP-led coalition  
...survived the no-confidence  
...motion early this year only by  
...seven votes.

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### Third World needs progress

Sir - It is very clear to everyone that people in the  
US, Europe and the West generally are enjoying  
good lives and, almost by-the-day, they experience  
further improvements which are adding to  
their quality of life. In contrast, most people in  
Third World countries are living in misery, with  
their condition tending to become worse rather  
than better. They move forward a few steps, then  
problems arise and they slip back into deeper  
misery than before. This happens even in those  
Asian countries that are considered to be the most  
developed. When will the people of the Third  
World start a process of steady and irrevocably  
improvement as they move into the new millen-  
nium?

Dr Hashim Ibrahim Hashim  
Jeddah

### African renaissance

Sir - Africa remains a continent of conflict. Be-  
sides the never-ending strife in Somalia, the for-  
mer brothers-in-arms in Eritrea and Ethiopia are  
battling it out over a barren piece of land. But on  
the south-west coast of Africa two brewing con-  
flicts are threatening to spillover into real war. In  
the Democratic Republic of the Congo soldiers  
are rebelling against the tyrannical rule of Laurent  
Kabila. It is an irony that he was imposed on the  
people of the former Zaire by none other than  
Yoweri Museveni, President of Uganda, who is a  
close friend and ally of John Garang, another  
warlord, hell-bent on finding a violent solution to  
Sudan's political problems. Another country  
which sided with Kabila, Angola, is facing a re-  
surgent civil war with the Union for the Total In-  
dependence of Angola (UNITA), a former ally of  
the South African apartheid regime and the  
American CIA.

South African President Nelson Mandela  
spoke eloquently about an "African renaissance"

dialogue. India never fired the first shot in  
conflicts and it remains true to this principle.

War would be an unmitigated disaster for  
countries and their people would suffer  
miseries.

The ball is with the Pakistani court.

G.K.D  
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### Wrong end of the stick

Sir - This is in response to C. P. Ali Koya's  
(Saudi Gazette, July 22), in which he criticizes  
views.

Sadly, Ali got the wrong end of the stick,  
made a flash judgment. I urge him to re-  
consider, especially the one entitled "Big quack  
before the Indians." (Saudi Gazette, June  
Surely, he will find me standing nowhere el-  
among the "majority of clear minded Hu  
who strongly uphold the secular Constitu-  
India and will never let the "Tricolor be grad-  
merged in the saffron color" or in any other  
by any party in India or by any power in  
world.

The political situation is very volatile in  
and my basic concern remains that the n  
could be burdened with another election  
know how parties behaved in previous con-  
titions, they were busy pulling the rug from  
each other's feet. This practice will continue  
there is a clear mandate in favor of one party  
until the leaders attain enough sense and mat-  
to run coalition governments. The frequent  
matrimonies and continuous squabbling for pow-  
unholy alliances of convenience, however  
stark reminders that politicians have a lot to  
The people of India will have to exercise  
franchise prudently the next time around.

I criticized Nayyar for what I thought was a  
judgment which, in my view, was wrong. I  
certainly did not intend to approve of one party

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parties to honor the determination of our people  
Winning or losing is normal as far as democracy is  
concerned. No one wins all the time."

Cambodia's history over the past three decades  
has been a violent and painful one. The bombing  
and invasion of Cambodia by US and South  
Vietnamese forces in the early 1970s, a "side-show"  
in the Vietnam war, was followed by the emergence  
of the Khmer Rouge who took over the country in  
1975. By the time they were ousted, in 1979, three  
million out of the country's eight million people had  
died in the notorious "killing fields".

The last decade has seen a continuing civil war.  
Pol Pot, the Khmer Rouge's most notorious leader,  
only died this year. Hun Sen's accession to power  
has involved the death of 100 political rivals. He is  
said to control the media, the police and the army  
and carried out what foreign diplomats in

Cambodia's capital city Phnom Penh describe as  
a month-long policy of intimidation," preceding last  
Sunday's election.

It is hardly surprising under such circumstances  
that the EU observers have become the object of  
Cambodian derision. A spokesman for the monitors  
said: "In the end, efforts to intimidate sections of the  
Cambodian people appeared not to have  
significantly influenced the conduct of polling day  
itself." One Cambodian observer responded to this  
statement by saying that the EU observers, the  
majority of whom had only arrived in the country one  
or two days before the poll, "only looked at the  
surface and didn't see the reality".

As one somewhat cynical Westerner said of the  
EU's "ringing endorsement" of the way the voting was  
conducted: "First they covered their eyes and ears  
and now they are biting their tongues".



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strike camps to protest against  
the enrichment of thousands  
of workers from various public  
sector organizations and non-  
payment of salaries to the la-  
borers.

The business community in  
general and the jewellers in par-  
ticular are also protesting  
against the levy of general sales  
tax. Jewellers have been on  
strike for the last 20 days and  
have announced that they  
would rather close their shop  
voluntarily than pay the GST.  
The National Labor Federation,  
backed by the Jamiat-e-Islami  
announced at a press confer-  
ence Wednesday that it will  
stage a workers unity march  
to unite the workers against the  
government.

And the tragic irony is that  
sectarian strife has again raised

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### Western interference

Sir—The countries of the West have very good  
political systems that have enabled them to es-  
tablish the r present, enviable way of life. These  
systems have, in one way or the other, been im-  
ported into many countries of the Mid-east and  
elsewhere.

However, the West is using its influence to  
prevent them from operating smoothly, Algeria  
being a good example of this. The countries of the  
West are essentially selfish, wishing to keep the  
benefits of modern living for themselves.

Indeed, they continue to interfere in the affairs  
of other countries, even those from whom they  
are far removed and in which they have no direct  
interests.

Hashim Ibrahim Filali  
Jeddah

### Babri Masjid

Sir—This has reference to the statements issued  
by the VHP and RSS about the construction of a  
temple on the demolished site of the Babri Masjid  
in Ayodhya. What do these parties want to prove  
by issuing such statements? If they think that they  
are spreading Hinduva, they are wrong. In fact  
they are inviting riots.

As the case of Ayodhya is being considered by  
the Supreme Court, these parties are devaluing  
that court. It is necessary that the Supreme Court  
takes some action to reassert its authority or  
Muslims will feel that there is no protection for  
them under the law of the land.

There are many journalists and newsmen in  
India. They are there to reveal the truth and have  
no attachment to any political party or commu-  
nity. They live to tell the facts as they are and we all  
appreciate their work. They must now tell the  
world what is going on in India.

Many freedom fighters gave their lives so that  
Indians could be free. But what has really been  
gained for the people since independence? All  
Indians in all the communities should unite and  
demand illegal acts. The same policy has been  
chosen by the offending parties as that used suc-  
cessfully by the British to rule over us, namely  
"divide and rule". If Indians are united then no  
one can divide us and harass us in the name of  
religion or anything else. We must not allow our  
great freedom fighters' sacrifice to go to waste.

After coming to power, the politicians have  
become corrupt and enriched themselves. The  
public have ignored this but when these people  
attack the community in the name of religion, the

Whenever communal riots take place in India  
we are grieved. When we see it stated that the  
different communities in India have no inter-  
standings with each other, it is very painful for us.  
We should ignore these things, but have divided  
us in the past. India is such a populous country  
with so many communities living together that we  
must show the world that we are indeed one peo-  
ple. All Indians are our brothers and sisters and  
we are proud to be Indians.

Shankh Muhammad Bivazuddin  
Jizir

### Bombay tragedy

Sir—This is written with reference to the report  
"Collapsed Bombay building" (Saudi Gazette  
August 5).

It is well known that Bombay is one of the  
most crowded cities of the world, every single  
piece of land is utilized and every possible corner  
is occupied, even on the sidewalks.

As for the building, several of these old and  
Bombay are supported by makeshift columns  
which have lost their strength and are being in-  
formed by handbars. Nobody knows when the  
building will fall. The owners of the  
graveyard for their residents.

The main question about these tragedies re-  
lates to who will report or rebuild them. Should it  
be the residents themselves or the state govern-  
ment? The condition of the buildings is as  
bad as that of their usual buildings. If these  
people are also being supported by public money  
by some sort of tax or tax money. How can they  
come forward to save the buildings or even to  
save their own lives if the state government de-  
clines to take action then there will be the question  
of temporary shelters for the occupants.

Making these individual buildings safe is a  
huge task which will take some time to complete  
but it requires a great attention. A small job  
work must be made by some one who can be  
made to be avoided.

Saidur Khan Sirgo of  
Makkah

### Talf Indian school

Sir—Reports of an brilliant success in the  
exams for the International Islamic school  
Talf are indeed a joy.

This is a great achievement for the school  
management and its staff. Dr. Asad  
Nasim Ahmed Khan and Shaukat Khan. With  
the help of these three people.

We hope that the management will



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who are working for or who  
security and intelligence services. If they believed  
they could publish their memos or sell their stories  
with impunity, no secret would be safe and no  
informant would trust the intelligence services." In the  
BBC interview, however, Shayer, argued that he was  
merely acting as a 'whistleblower' - someone  
determined to reveal incompetence and  
maladministration concealed from public view by a  
veil of secrecy.

government ministers of involvement that  
some officials. This suggested, once again, that  
government ministers were not in control of events  
and, in fact, were having policy determined by their  
subordinates. Britain now stands accused of  
involvement in two instances in Africa of what certain  
circles might describe as 'state sponsored terrorism'  
within the last two years in the light of the recent  
incidents in Tanzania and Kenya, Shayer's  
revelations could not come at a worse time



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Republic of Bosnia and Herz-  
egovina into three ethnically  
based mini-states. This Boyle  
notes, would destroy Bosnia's  
statehood and rob Bosnia of  
membership in the United Na-  
tions.

According to a study pre-  
pared by the US Department of  
State, this partition of Bosnia  
would subject over 1.5 million  
Bosnians to "ethnic cleansing."

The architects of ethnic  
cleansing, Serb leader Radovan  
Karadzic and his army com-  
mander, Gen Ratko Mladic, al-  
though indicted for war crimes,  
remain at large. Fewer than half  
of those indicted for genocide  
during the Bosnian war have  
been arrested. USA Today edi-  
torializes that the fact that they  
remain free five years after a  
temporary tribunal indicted  
them is "a living monument to  
the Pentagon's timidity in pur-  
suing them." The newspaper  
concludes that temporary tribu-  
nals "present permanent prob-  
lems." Months pass while ju-  
rymen, prosecutors and staff get  
embattled. And years pass be-  
fore some of the world's worst  
crimes are brought to justice.  
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also delay justice. In Iraq, for  
example, repeated pleas to hold  
Saddam accountable for his  
gassing of civilians in the war  
with Iran went nowhere, in part  
because there was nowhere to  
turn. The International Court of  
Justice at The Hague (the World  
Court) only hears cases when  
one state files a complaint  
against another."

This experience argues pow-  
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### Eliminating misconceptions

Sir - I would like to give my wholehearted sup-  
port to the views expressed in the letter of Shaikh  
Riyazuddin (Saudi Gazette, Aug. 8). It is a won-  
derful feeling that there are still a lot of clear-  
minded people of all religions in India who want  
to build peace and prosperity in the country. There  
is a golden opportunity now before us but how  
effectively we utilize it depends on us alone.

I have been in close touch with Hindus as well  
as Muslims for a long time and feel that a portion  
of both communities have certain misconceptions  
about the other. The Hindus doubt the loyalty of  
Indian Muslims, especially vis a vis Pakistan,  
which is regrettable. To appreciate the Muslim  
community and its views on all issues, one should  
mingle closely with them or should read the Urdu  
media which shows their views. Urdu writing,  
including novels and magazines, has always tried  
to nurture nationalism and patriotism. For their  
part, the Muslims always have a feeling that, in  
case of any injustice done to them, the majority  
community will not stand up for them. This is  
because of many unfortunate incidents especially  
that of the Babri Masjid. However, the vast ma-  
jority of Hindus denounce such notorious activi-  
ties. It is also a fact that the Muslims have suf-  
fered greater losses so far. A few unfortunate  
incidents on the part of some hard-liners, on both  
the sides, should not be used to judge the mental-  
ity of the people. At the grassroot level, the rela-  
tionships between people of the two religions  
have always been of the very best sort. The media  
plays a vital role in forming the character of a so-  
ciety and, as Riyazuddin has rightly observed, the  
judiciary and newsmen have always been neutral  
and done their best to improve relations between  
Hindus and Muslims in India. There is also an-  
other group of people, those in the entertainment  
industry, who have done a splendid job - more  
than anyone else - through films and TV serials to  
promote friendship and trust between the different  
communities. It is regrettable that, in spite of all  
this good work, problems have surfaced to show  
their ugly face through violence.

The question before us now is how we are go-  
ing to tackle these problems. The first thing that  
we should do is to reject the communal parties.  
We should bring back the United Front which  
gave us a wonderful government that performed  
excellently in spite of a large number of unedu-  
cated or poorly educated MPs among them. We  
should also use such ways as this letters column to  
express our solidarity and build confidence. We  
should not neglect any way to fight communal-  
ism. Religion should have its rightful place and  
politics should have its own place. I would like to  
join Riyaz in inviting more readers to participate  
in this column of the Saudi Gazette and express  
their views on this manner which will help us re-  
discover our lost era of peace and happiness.

Abul Nazam  
Riyadh

### New World Order

Sir - The United Nations may have suffered from  
low expectations during the Cold War, but today  
the world expects much more of it. The end of the  
Cold War, I believe, will transform or even end  
the traditional nation-state system. The UN will  
have to implement a number of measures.

The New World Order that will emerge as the  
nation-state loses its relevance in the next century

Secretariat should be reinforced. Second, UN  
peacekeeping operations are playing an ever  
more important role and need proper support to  
continue in that direction. The successful expe-  
riences in Namibia, Cambodia and El Salvador tes-  
tify to the essential role of the peacekeepers' re-  
election-monitoring and observation units. Civil  
ian participation is becoming increasingly im-  
portant. I therefore suggest the endowment of a  
memorial medal honoring the contributions of  
civilian participants.

Third, the post of UN High Commissioner for  
Human Rights needs adequate support and re-  
sources. The protection of human rights can be  
assured only if a multitude of conditions prevail.  
These include political stability, established legal  
procedures, an ample number of jurists, wide  
public awareness of the importance of human  
rights, economic development and a rise in living  
standards. These conditions demand considerable  
effort over time. To facilitate change, the UN  
must offer advisory activities to establish due  
process of law. Public information programs are  
important. A strong, permanent secretariat will  
be needed; close coordination among the relevant  
UN agencies is crucial. I would propose that the  
UN Center for Human Rights be given increased  
resources and that the coordinating role of the  
High Commissioner for Human Rights within the  
UN system be consolidated.

Dr. Abdul Aziz bin Abdul Wahid  
Tasbeek

### Superpower syndrome

Sir - It is an amazing feature of the present world  
situation that the US, the one superpower, feels  
that it can do whatever it wants. US influence  
sees that sanctions are imposed on this or that  
country and that they are maintained for con-  
siderable periods regardless of the justice of the  
particular case.

As a result of these measures, the ordinary  
people of the countries concerned have to suffer  
untold misery. This is the case with Iraq, despite  
the arrangement to exchange a certain amount of  
oil for food and medicines, and also Libya, Sudan  
and Iran. The Indian and Pakistani people could  
well be the next to suffer because of the heavy  
hand of US sanctions. These measures can be  
imposed very quickly but it takes a long time to  
get them lifted. The United Nations Security  
Council seems to do the will of the US in the  
matter of these unfair sanctions.

Hassim Ibrahim Filali  
Jeddah

### East Africa bombings - I

Sir - There we have it again. The moment the two  
bombs exploded in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam  
critics fell over their own feet to rush into blaming  
Muslims for the attack. It reminded me of the  
Oklahoma City bombing where Muslims were  
placed under suspicion, yet it turned out to be a  
white American right-winger who placed the  
bomb. But nobody cared to call him a "Christian bomb."  
McVeigh and Terry Nichols just happened to be  
Christians. But Christianity cannot be blamed for  
their heinous brutality.

In the US, more white right-wing, Christian or  
Zionist-oriented acts of terror are committed than  
by Muslims. Yet Muslims are always blamed.

The fact is that Islam, as the world's most  
allows the killing of innocent civilians during war.



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is a reminder of  
suspecting  
City bombing.  
sitting that  
include Israeli Jews:

Africa dominate international consciousness  
Netanyahu may make this point uninterrupted,"  
Abramowitz asserts  
There also seems to be some link between  
increased incidence of terrorism and extremists  
coming to power in Israel.  
Perpetrators of a crime always seek some gains. If  
the logic of Netanyahu and the Western media is

countries where the US State Department says its  
embassy is under threat. A Malaysian official feels  
that such statements are going to have a bad effect  
on the country's economy.

The American "concerns about outsiders who may  
have entered Malaysia." These outsiders may well be  
the agents of Mossad, the world's most notorious  
terrorist outfit.



## Weak response to terrorism



en, perversely, the crash  
A Flight 800 off Long Is-  
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thers all share another  
m, and ominous, theme:  
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to identify the culprits  
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nce agencies to bring  
to the bar of justice, these  
rs" and columnists de-  
that the US military strike  
y against presumed terror-  
nd/or their state sponsors.  
model in this regard is the  
US air strike against Libya  
ation for the bombing of  
a discotheque  
at these hawks omit is that  
vidence linking the Libyans  
s attack is equivocal, and

The investigations in both  
Kenya and Tanzania are moving  
forward carefully and without  
undue publicity. Patient detec-  
tive work heaped bring to justice  
the bombers of the World Trade  
Center, the assassination of con-  
gress outside CIA headquarters in  
Virginia and the Oklahoma City  
bomber.

Given time, and a proper re-  
sponse to the \$2 million award  
offered in this case, the crim-  
inals who committed this atroci-  
ty might well be brought to jus-  
tice. And so far, mercifully  
there has been no "backlash"  
against Arab and Muslim  
Americans, despite the over-  
heated rhetoric of the fearmon-  
gers.

There will be no doubt, les-  
sons to be learned from this  
tragedy. Upgrades in the secu-  
rity of US installations worldwide  
are certain to be undertaken, and  
there is an obvious need for  
greater international intelli-  
gence and police cooperation to  
help prevent such acts from oc-  
curring.

But by no means should the  
"lessons" be that the United  
States is inevitably locked in a  
"war" with the Mid-east or the  
Islamic world, or that America  
should pullback from its re-  
gional or global involvement.  
So long as the United States re-  
mains a global power, its poli-  
cies and its very presence will  
generate adversaries, some of  
whom have murderous intent. In  
a way, this is the transferal to an  
international scale of the kind of  
envy that leads disturbed in-  
dividuals to stalk celebrities or try  
to kill public figures. But such  
threats can and should be con-  
tained.

When terrorist acts take  
place, every effort must be made  
to apprehend and try the sus-  
pects in an appropriate court of  
law.

Knee-jerk responses, whether  
instant blame, overwhelming  
retaliation, or complete regional  
withdrawal, do not bring the  
dead back to life or prevent fu-  
ture occurrences. At the present

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### Help for stranded Pakistanis

Sir - It was interesting to read the interview with  
Syed Muazzam Ali, former consul general of  
Bangladesh in Jeddah, and especially his com-  
ments about the help given by his country to the  
Pakistanis stranded in Bangladesh since Decem-  
ber 1971. While we should appreciate the help  
that is being given, we hear different stories in the  
media which tell about the precarious living con-  
ditions of these people and how they survive on  
meager help from various organizations. Last  
month's floods devastated many camps of the  
stranded Pakistanis and no one helped with their  
repair. There are no regular supplies of medicine,  
food and clothing for those people. While I would  
urge our Pakistani government to give relief, it is  
nevertheless the responsibility of the Bangladeshi  
government to help these unfortunate people until  
they can be repatriated to their homeland. This is  
the minimum we can expect from our brotherly  
Muslim country.

Kharshid Ahmed  
Jeddah

### Neither Eastern nor Western

Sir - Turkey occupies a very strange position in  
the world, belonging neither to the West nor the  
East. It could have formed a bridge between the  
two but has, in fact, become divorced from both.  
It has not been accepted as a member of the Eu-  
ropean Union although it has tried hard to please  
the West. At the same time, Turkey does not  
consider itself part of the Mid-east, having re-  
jected the Arabic language and become a secular state  
though most of its people are Muslims. Because it  
cannot find a home in any grouping of states,  
Turkey has turned to Israel and begun to cooper-  
ate with that country. For its part, Israel welcomes  
Turkey as an ally because of its conflict with the  
Arabs. It is strange and unexpected to find Tur-  
key formerly a great Islamic empire, adopting  
this role.

Hashim Ibrahim Hashim  
Jeddah

### Report on Bombay riots

Sir - At long last the Srikishna Commission has  
finalized its report on the Bombay riots which  
followed the demolition of the Babri Masjid in  
1992-93. It was tabled in the assembly on August  
6.

The involvement of the Shiv Sena and its chief  
Bal Thackeray in these riots has been an open se-  
cret since 1992 but now the Srikishna Commis-  
sion Report has confirmed it.

Like every leader in such circumstances, Bal  
Thackeray has rejected the report and expressed  
his opinion that "The chief minister has rejected  
the report. Actually, he has done a very good job.  
My compliments to him." According to this  
statement Thackeray thinks he is the hero of India.  
By no means does he want to accept guilt.

Very few people know about Bal Thackeray  
outside India. I would, therefore, like to provide  
the following information about him.

Balasaheb Thackeray is the chief of the Shiv  
Sena and a well known personality from Maha-  
rashtra. According to him, he is the true follower  
of Maharaja Shivaji. In Indian history, Shivaji's  
name is written in golden letters. It is said about  
him that, during the period of the Mughal Empire,  
he was a guerrilla who fought effectively against  
the empire.

The Shiv Sena party was founded by Bal  
Thackeray to follow in the footsteps of Maharaja  
Shivaji and to honor his sacrifices in the interests  
of the people of Maharashtra and the Mughal empire.

neither had him arrested nor penalized him for  
making such statements.

Now the government of Maharashtra, con-  
trolled by Bal Thackeray, is harassing Bengal-  
speaking people and forcing them to leave India  
because they are said to have come from Bang-  
ladesh.

Maybe these people came from Calcutta and  
not from Bangladesh but the government of Ma-  
harashtra wants to expel them without investi-  
gating the facts. I ask a simple question to these  
leaders: If this type of policy was adopted by  
countries all over the world, would not millions  
of people of Indian origin who have to be deport-  
ed to India from the respective countries?

In conclusion I would like to say that if the  
government of India accepts the report of the  
Srikishna Commission and takes action against  
the various people who were involved in the  
Bombay communal riots, then the families of the  
people killed in the Bombay riots will get jus-  
tice.

Yahya Khass  
Jeddah

### Dumping patients with dirt

Sir - This has reference to the news item "Hos-  
pital dumps patient in garden to impress minis-  
ter." (Saudi Gazette August 7)

How did the hospital staff become so callously  
indifferent to the well-being of the patient? How  
could the management go so deplorably against  
professional ethics?

The patient was dumped in the garden in order  
to clean the hospital environment as if he were  
the wreckage of a car or a bicycle.

The hospital is the place for patients and the  
care is more important than a minister's visit. It is  
not an art gallery to captivate its visitors. On the  
contrary, treating the patients with loving care is  
itself half the cure and a splendid way to impress  
visitors. Moradabad hospital must have dumped  
its morality somewhere at the morgue along with  
those who once came into the hospital as liv-  
ing human beings.

The comment of the hospital superintendent  
was also deplorable. He just said, "This is not  
big issue." We cannot imagine what might be  
considered a big issue for this hospital.

Nadir Khan Sirguroi  
Makkah

### Gazette in other languages

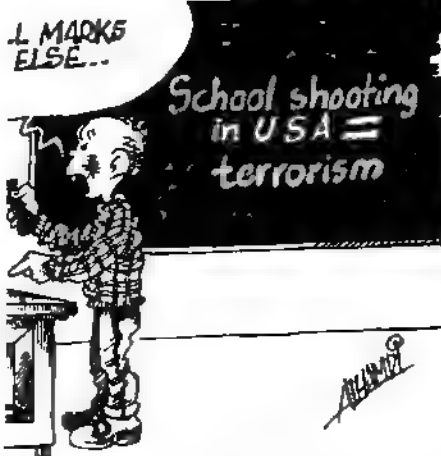
Sir - I enjoy reading the Saudi Gazette for its  
coverage of the news and features. I particularly  
enjoy Kuldip Nayar's column highlighting the  
political issues of the Indian subcontinent. I be-  
lieve that the Gazette provides good coverage of  
home news for most expatriates especially the  
Asians. This is quite transparent from the wide  
popularity it enjoys among the Asians. Being a  
Indian, I always prefer to read the Indian page of  
your daily to have first hand information about  
what is going on back home.

Recently another daily has started a page in  
the Indonesian language. So I would like to re-  
quest that you too set up a page in each of the  
major Asian vernacular languages such as Taga-  
log, Urdu and Malayalam, at least on alternate  
days. Though there is an Urdu newspaper avail-  
able, I prefer not to read it because of its bias. I like  
very much to get my news from the Saudi Gazette  
family that reflects the views of a neutral ob-  
server with an unexaggerated, no-nonsense and  
objective approach. Moreover, you are fortun-  
ate to have well-known writers already available to  
you who have got good experience with their re-

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peace and he thinks that the United States, is unable to pressure Israel through normal civilized means, then sanctions are the other alternative.  
The Palestinians, or the Arabs for that matter, have not broken down the peace process. The negotiations were halted only when the Netanyahu regime decided that all the international agreements signed by the previous Israeli government had to be renegotiated. Sensible nations do not accept this as good diplomacy

pointing at the government he represented.  
The Palestinians have never rejected negotiations as a means to reach peace. It is the Israeli government which is showing hostility to peace and putting obstacles in the way of a negotiated settlement. This Israeli policy calls for stronger action from the world community. After all, the world often goes for harsher measures when dishonest nations break the law. Such measures work, as they did against Serbia in recent times.



## Irish peace operative

said she is thinking of Northern Ireland to exit "disgust" at the prospect of her husband's release. An embittered woman said "Myra Hindley's jail after 30 years. If she'd get out of jail there would be public outcry and you'd hear the end of it. In Ireland we have mass graves as well, but they are a few years and then home to their wives and kids. Life, for them, mean life." Despite Mrs K's concerns, it has now announced that 400 convicted terrorists inmates have repatriation which will be process leading to their Many of them could be the streets in a matter of

of those who could soon "as William Moore, a leader of the Protestant Shank Road Gang responsible for 19 Catholics by slitting throats. The 49-year-old supplied the knives and drove the vehicle in the gang toured Belfast for victims. During his Moore admitted his part in murders prompting the to recommend that he d never be released from an Kelly, presently serving for blowing up a fish shop in Belfast's Shank Road in which nine Protest died is another who may be freed. Kelly, now 23, not due to have his sentence until 2005. Another date for release is Michael who carried out a grenade gun attack at the 1988 funeral of the three IRA members dead by the SAS in Gibraltar. At this trial, it was recommended that Stone, now 42, a 30-year-old thirty-year

and inhumanity" and when he was sentenced it was recommended that he serve a minimum of thirty-five years. During his prison stay, the 47-year-old Magee, married the American novelist Barbara Byer.

Then there is Johnny "Mad Dog" Adair, the leader of the loyalist Ulster Defence Association in the Maze Prison who was imprisoned for 16 years in 1995 after being implicated in the deaths of at least 12 Catholics in attacks on their homes. Adair, now aged 33, was due for release in 2003 because under British law all prisoners who behave themselves while in detention have their sentences automatically halved.

The "Balcombe Street Gang" of Martin O'Connell, Eddie Butler, Harry Duggan and Hugh Doherty responsible for the Woolwich and Guildford bombings in which seven people died, for which they received life sentences, also enjoy the prospect of freedom. Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams once described the four as "our Nelson Mandela".

The Democratic Unionist MP for Belfast East, Peter Robinson, has accused both the British and Irish governments of "indecent haste" in releasing Republican prisoners. He said: "It is simply a case of cleaning their jails of republican prisoners as quickly as they can. These are prisoners who have carried out the foulest deeds. This is nothing to do with justice, this is entirely a political decision."

However, another Belfast MP Andrew Walsh said that Mo Mowlam, Britain's Northern Ireland Minister, may soon reach a decision to order the release of two British Army Scots Guardsmen Jim Fisher, 29 from Ayr, and Mark Wright, 24 from Arbroath, for shooting and killing 18-year-old Peter McBride

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### Problems at Philippine school

Sir - As a concerned parent, I would like to thank the DFA officials who came from Manila to resolve the crisis at the New International Philippine School in Jeddah (NIPSI). However, their work did not come up to expectations. Promises that a seminar on the IAC manual would be held and that there would be an investigation into the validity of the July 3 school board election were not fulfilled.

Moreover, they allowed the holding of an election without the proper procedures being followed. Not enough parents were present at the meeting to constitute a simple majority as there were only a total of two hundred and forty-six people in attendance including spouses and outsiders. There was also a suppression of free speech as the consul general refused to entertain questions from parents. Parliamentary type procedures were not observed properly. Finally, because of the mixed attendance, some non-parents were able to nominate a candidate and also to cast their votes. The problems far from being solved, are now worse than ever.

Undersecretary Caday and Mr Molano had a nice trip at the taxpayers' expense.

NIPSI Parent  
Jeddah

### Big brother

Sir - Yes, the United States is a superpower in this world, one which is very good at disciplining others but less good at helping them. The US is well able to hand out punishment, in the form of sanctions, to countries all over the world whether they are deserved or not. But we do not hear it of coming to the help of countries in great need. Some Asian countries are at present suffering terribly from the economic crisis. Why doesn't the US, as the world's only superpower, come forward to lend them a helping hand? If only it would do this, we would know that the US can use its great power, not just to punish countries, but also to help those in trouble.

Hassim Ibrahim Fialli  
Jeddah

### Asian domino effect

Sir - The current economic jitters all over Asia have brought forth a domino effect in terms of survival during this time of severe crisis. All of these plunging currencies are, in one way or the other, affecting us all. Repercussions come in a number of ways. In addition, the climate has also been changing for the worse. Countries suffering with strange weather phenomena as a result of El Niño and El Niña are now striving hard to come to grips with what a nature has to offer. Everything is in a shambles due to wars and man-made disasters. When all of these are added together, they create a very bleak scenario. It seems that the world is going from bad to worse. But life must go on, man or shine.

The spiraling of prices brought about by the peso devaluation is so alarming that every Filipino should prepare himself for when the going gets rough. Back home, our countrymen are again suffering adverse effects. However, some of us are fortunate enough to work in Saudi Arabia. Making good money has ever been an OCW's obsession but not all are so lucky.

The way some companies are now laying off employees due to the oil-price reduction has, for the first time, caused down operations and

As an expatriate worker who hails from a poor country like the Philippines, working in Saudi Arabia has been very good for me. The purpose of this letter is just to remind my countrymen to work hard while they can and to save money while they have a little surplus. Nowadays getting good jobs is a luxury hard to come by. There are too many eager, would-be employees waiting in a very long queue of job seekers. In fact, some who left "finally" last year, are now seen working again in Saudi Arabia. This is a sign of the times!

Jessie L. Escobar  
Al Khobar

### Woes of air travel in India

Sir - I traveled to India on vacation in March on the sector Riyadh-Bombay-Coimbatore by Air India with confirmed reservations to Coimbatore by Indian Airlines. The ticket was issued by Air India. On reaching Bombay I contacted the Indian Airlines reservation counter at the International Terminal (adjacent to the Air India counter) to verify my reservation to Coimbatore on the following day. However, to my dismay and horror, I was informed by IA that I had no reservation at all for this route although I had my reservation reconfirmed in Riyadh. The computer printout was ample proof of this fact. I requested Air India's ground staff for assistance but was caught off guard by their vehement refusal to cooperate. They claimed that their responsibility ceased to exist as soon as they off-loaded me at Mumbai and I was directed to the reservation counter at IA's new domestic terminal, at Santa Cruz. At IA Santa Cruz the reservation clerk made a fresh booking for me to Coimbatore but placed my name on a waiting list with no guarantee for a confirmed seat. As I had to reach Coimbatore the following day due to unavoidable reasons I also made a booking with Jet Airway at Santa Cruz who were kind enough to provide me with a seat to Coimbatore the next day but asked for an endorsement by IA on my ticket. However, IA flatly refused to give any endorsement stating that I was on their waiting list for flight to Coimbatore. I had to shunt between the IA terminal and Jet terminal many times in the wee hours of the night in Mumbai with all my luggage and ultimately had to pay more for a seat. I assume that this happens because of bogus booking by some touts who book the tickets through the connivance of the airlines' staff.

Although Air India and Indian Airlines are government owned and claim that they have bilateral agreement for code sharing, hub and spoke services, when it comes to making reservations through Air India's overseas offices to domestic sector in India, they refuse to should any responsibility and their PNR do not account for the domestic booking. While electronic communications have progressed at a phenomenal pace, the services provided by Air India and Indian Airlines have hit rock bottom when it comes to their reservation system. Maybe their intentions are noble but the execution is not. It is high time that the Indian government opens this sector to competition to end these two airlines' monopoly.

V. Vijayaraghav  
Rupa

### Jews, theft and compensation

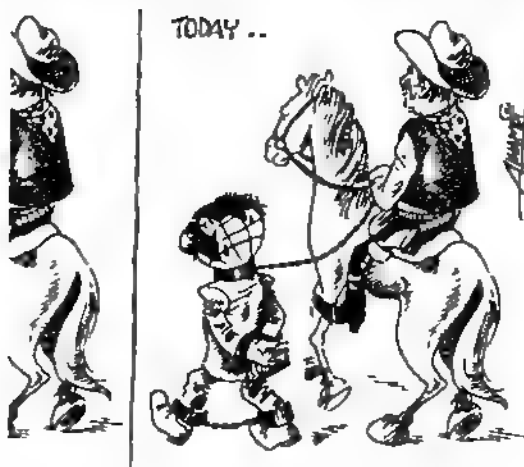
Sir - BBC announced that the Swiss banks agree to pay so-called Holocaust victims' families



ingladeshi people, stricken the moment debating the immediate concern is sur-  
eed food, drinking water, ing and shelter. Once the

officials say that the country's need for food grain has doubled this year due to crop losses caused by the floods. They estimate that the total food shortfall is likely to reach four million tonnes this year. Floods have affected about 760,000 hectares of farmland and

fortnight. Further flood waters from the swoller of eastern India are now rushing down to Bang and will cause additional havoc. This is the time nations to rally round and help a people re- desperate through no fault of its own.



## ring Clinton clear the air



assistant, we went to work Jones took leave from this private law practice in Oklahoma to help

He discovered two examples of presidential censure in the previous century.

On March 28, 1834, the Senate voted 27 to 16 to censure President Andrew Jackson for assuming authority and power in "derogation" of "the Constitution and laws" in relation to the "public revenue." This censure was later rescinded.

The House of Representatives censured President James Buchanan on June 13, 1860, by a vote of 106 to 61 charging him and subordinates with corrupt on in connect on with military supplies, specifically "receiving and considering the party relations of bidders for contracts."

By late July 1974, it was clear that the House would soon consider the bill of impeachment already fast tracked by the House Judiciary Committee. The only hope for censure would be if my resolution could be offered as a substitute when the full House took up the impeachment question. If the House approved the procedural change that I recommended, members would vote first on my resolution to censure. If a majority rejected it, the next vote would be on impeachment, a measure that would require the Senate to try Nixon on specified charges.

My resolution noted Nixon's "great achievements in foreign policy which are highly beneficial to every citizen and indeed to all people in the world." But it cited his "insensitivity to the moral demands, lofty purpose and ideals of the high office he holds in trust," in addition to his failure to prevent close subordinates and agents from commu-

(R-Ch), a senior member of the committee and I began circulating petitions supporting censure.

In my files are copies showing that we secured in three days signatures of 60 members, mostly Republicans, supporting the censure choice. Among them were Trent Lott (R-Ms), now the Senate Majority Leader; Charles Wiggins (R-Ca) and Edward Hutchinson (R-Mi), senior members of the Judiciary Committee; and John J. Rhodes (R-Az), Bob Michel (R-Il) and Les Arends (R-Il), comprising House Republican leadership.

The Associated Press reported that Speaker Carl Albert (D-Ar), said he would leave the procedural question up to the Rules Committee but would not vote for censure. "I would either vote for or against the (impeachment) resolution." Majority Leader John McFall, although committee to impeachment, said he favored giving members the choice of censure or impeachment.

Rep. Edward Mezeynsky (D-Ia) called censure "a cop out," but Prof. Charles Black of Yale, an eminent authority on impeachment supported my request to the Rules Committee.

A few days later, censure and impeachment became moot when "smoking gun" revelations of Nixon's flagrant proposals to block FBI investigation forced him to resign.

My 22 years as a member of Congress encompassed the entirety of the Watergate burglary and Senate hearings on it, as well as the House impeachment hearings. Accordingly, I have empathy for today's members of Congress, only a few of whom were in office during the Nixon ordeal and can be expected to comprehend fully the enormous national consequences that impeachment can entail.

Of the present members of the House Judiciary Committee, only John Conyers (D-Mi), was in Congress at that time. Chairman Henry Hyde (R-Il), the man who will preside if impeachment hearings occur, was

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### Shattered respect

Sir - The demolition of the Sudanese pharmaceutical factory and the repercussions of the Monica Lewinsky case have made me revise all that I respected in the Western world in general and in the United States in particular. I used to believe that the Americans were so influenced by their Constitution, which is regarded as a model all over the world, that they observed the dictates of the "self-evident truths" in war and in peace, and on the personal as well as on the governmental level. I used to believe that, in America, the major issues of the state were dealt with by the institutions instead of being left to the whims of an individual, even if he is president, whose only mandate might be the advice of a clique of advisors. Also I used to believe that though American society might be open, there were ethical limits beyond which people could not step on the pretext of personal freedom. But what personal freedom entitles a person to have an "inappropriate relationship" with an intern? And where was it conducted? In the next room to the highest office in the country? The rest of the world knows that for the Americans the Oval Office is more venerable than a church however profligate the occupant of the highest office might be.

Now that my convictions about the US and my idealized views have been shattered like the Sudanese factory, and the American image which I admired has been smeared like the dress of Monica Lewinsky, I feel extremely exhilarated rather than disgusted because I am now cleansed of the illusions I had harbored about the American system and its morality.

Abu Ammar Khan  
Najran

### Eradicate evil of terrorism

Sir - Where? When? Who? Why?

Terrorism affects all of us and makes the world we live in a dangerous place. We never know where it will strike next, or when this will be. We don't know who the culprits are or why they commit these atrocities. So we have no idea how terrorism can be combated or how we can protect ourselves from it.

But one thing is certain. This evil must be eradicated from the face of the earth for it obeys none of the rules which govern human society and cares not who or what it destroys.

Dr Hashim Ibrahim Filali  
Jeddah

### Sharif and Vajpayee must talk

Sir - Two gentlemen, the prime ministers of India and Pakistan, will unfortunately not meet in September on the sidelines of the Non-Aligned Movement conference in Durban, South Africa as Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has indicated that he will not be attending. Definitely the cool evenings would have been warmed up with gossip and the finest Brazilian coffee. They could have talked by the ocean named after the great sub-continent they hail from.

Vajpayee and Sharif or their earlier counterparts have been talking for the last 51 years about regional cooperation, coexistence, stability, coherent peace and so on. They have been smart enough to fool their countrymen and the world at large about their true intentions. Nearly three decades of atomic development was not exposed until recent times in the Pokhran sands and the Chagai rocks.

While the Indian rupee and Pakistani rupee are fighting for survival, hundreds of millions of people are struggling to earn a day's living, tens of millions of mothers go hungry in order to feed their children, fathers with no job hopelessly hang

Kashmiris living in Indian Kashmir? Bangladesh have to break away from and why was their experience with Pak a good one? What about the quarter of Pakistanis stranded in the so-called Gens in Bangladesh? There have been deaths for more than a quarter of a century and sheds tears for them even though many, nusual organizations have offered gene for their rehabilitation in Pakistan.

Moreover, the brothers of these pe have been living in Pakistan for over h tury, devoted to that country are still r as Mohajirs.

I am not trying to justify India's occu part of Kashmir or denying Kashmir choose between living with Pakistan total independence. In the latter case would have to recognize Kashmir as an dent country and the United Nations would have to change since I gave two either joining Pakistan or India. Is Pak to hand over its part of Kashmir? Or is it its only solution? Before going into a f with India, Pakistan has to answer th tions and let the world know its inten may drum up support.

This issue should not be allowed to ow all initiatives to normalize the re between India and Pakistan.

Engir

### IIST acquires license

Sir - With immense pleasure the Indo Indian School in Taif (IIST) announce Ministry of Education has issued a license the name of the Indian community repre Dr Syed Anwar Khurshed (preside Management Committee) Shakerlud (secretary) and Naam Ahmed, finance. We owe a debt of gratitude to the cons of India (CGI), the International India Jeddah (IISJ) and the local authorities.

The Taif Coaching Center came into as a branch of the Indian Embassy School, in 1987 with just four classes and dents. The school was inaugurated by CGI, Talmiz Ahmad.

In the ten years since then the school developed in a big way. What had been infant school has blossomed into a ful school, with ten classes and 200 student to the needs of the Indian expatriate c residing in the Taif area. With the grace, the school is now renamed th tional Indian School, Taif.

It is true that a great number of pe contributed to the making of the school essential that I mention that the present ment Committee headed by Dr Khur been rendering the most valuable serv institution for more than a decade, ts e bring academic and extra-curricular ex the school have been endless and urel.

The IIST aims to be a complete e institution in which children from all e the community can receive quality edu ensures all round development. It also serve the nation in its growth.

The IIST has a comprehensive c spanning varied academic and extra activities. It plays a vital role in nun nourishing the young minds and seek about full physical, mental and mora ment in the child.

The school aims to develop the innu and talents of the child by providing a ment conducive for this. It conducts co in elocution, recitation, Quraan, debate

## Best opportunity for Cyprus

posal put forward by Rauf Denktaş, the not leader, that the two parts of Cyprus together in a confederation has been rejected by the Greek-Cypriot

This reaction was expected even aimed to offer a basis on which to restart on how to end the partition of Cyprus and the Turkish invasion of 1974. s accused of breaking off the dialogue. This may be true, but now he a fresh start and this opportunity for a tement of one of the world's most disputes should have been taken. After e reasons for the recent crisis was the ot government's decision to deploy de missiles targeted at Turkey. f a century is long enough for both the

Greek- and Turkish Cypriots to appreciate the fullity of their mutual distrust. As all Cypriots share a common destiny it is obvious that communal animosity must be overcome.

In any move toward reunification, the causes of the partition have to be taken into account. In the past, the Turkish-Cypriots genuinely felt that they were discriminated against. They saw their houses, businesses and even mosques destroyed by extremist Greek-Cypriot elements. Such actions, compounded by a Greek plan to annex the island in 1974, antagonized the Turkish Cypriots, resulting in the Turkish invasion.

Diplomatically, the position of the Greek Cypriots is much stronger than that of Denktaş's breakaway zone. Their government, led by President Glafcos Cserides, has international status, while the northern entity is only recognized by Turkey. Moreover, the

Greek side is more developed e major tourist destination. In conl has a neglected look. No appre activity has taken place since pe border into that area. s to step b

Yet the Turkish zone is the ho island's population. In a truly de large section of society cannot t the pre-1974 period, oppressed suspicion increased recently wt Union appeared to recognize th the representatives of the whole alienated Turkish community.

Cserides's rejection of the Der the impression that he is not ne negotiated settlement. This is ur opportunity of escape from a da should have been gratefully sei.



## Economic ills worsen as facing Jatoli

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### INSIDE Sindh

By A.U. Malik

This further aggravates the situation as the MQM remains undecided whether or not to support the chief minister in the assembly when he will be required to seek a vote of confidence from the House when it meets on September 9.

The Pakistan People's Party (PPP), which has a strength of 35 seats in the House is sharpening its knives for a show down. But the irony is that no one wants to lose his assembly seat as elections are very costly. On the other hand, the majority of the assembly members would like to see the chief minister leave.

Under these circumstances, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is left with only two options. The dissolution of the provincial assembly and holding of fresh elections within three months or the imposition of governor's rule for six months. All the po-

rangement cannot last long.

The prime minister himself is a reality going through a crisis after introducing the 15th Amendment in the National Assembly for the enforcement of Islamic laws in the country. Ever since the inception of Pakistan, everyone has been paying lip service to Islam but when it comes to enforcing Islamic laws in practice, the political leaders become frightened for there is a word of difference between preaching and practice.

The leader of the opposition and former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, has already announced that the PPP will launch a countrywide protest movement against the 15th Amendment.

In this political scenario, Sindh is lost in uncertainties. And it is not only the untenable political situation which has plagued Sindh. The economic situation is even worse. The Sindh government has hardly any money to pay its employees. Both the federal government and the State Bank of Pa-

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### Sole superpower

Sir - The world is having to get used to a new situation in which there is only one superpower. No doubt this will only be the case for a limited period of time because change is a ways occurring in the world and eventually there will be a different scenario. The challenge facing us is to adjust our way of life to the changes as they occur. Sometimes people resist change where this involves difficulties for them and so there will be problems at either the personal or national level. Conflicts can then occur and the problems will become more intractable.

Many of the countries that used to be in a position to help others have now faded from the scene, leaving just one huge superpower state. The winner takes all and all others must bow to its will. Further changes lie ahead and there may be great dangers but no one can see the outcome. It is the nature of history: there is tragedy and drama, empires and cultures rise and fall. Each period has its own particular features and its own challenges to face.

In the present situation, we see military advances but we also see developments that can bring benefits to mankind. But there are so dangers from diseases and pollution. Radiation from nuclear power could get out of control. The more advances we make, the greater the threats seem to be. It is now time that we got to grips with all these problems and created a safer world as we approach the new millennium.

Hashim Ibrahim Filali  
Jeddah

### A legend in her lifetime

Sir - Monica Lewinsky has now risen to be numbered among the legendary women such as Cleopatra, who have changed or at least influenced the course of history. However, her life may have involved the fall of the most powerful leader of the wealthiest nation of the world. She could indeed come to be recorded among the women who have engineered the fall of powerful empires.

As per the saying, 'A woman can build a woman can destroy' - the Monica Lewinsky episode is set to destroy a leader's political career, a political party's period of power and a nation's direction. What will happen the future? Will the course of world history may be changed on y time will tell.

Perhaps Monica is aiming at such a place in history? Otherwise why is she not a little with Clinton's admission of guilt in the inappropriate affair compounded with the crime of perjury and is going ahead with more accusations against the President. Does she want to humble him further? Vindictive actions cannot be the outcome of true love. Lewinsky's love for Clinton is in ruins.

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### Beautiful Khobar

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### Problems of exp

Sir - It's a nice habi dition (NRI) face a and d warm nation when b admities for courses t only w in medical an. Why it the NRIs to t h b, unemployed, po-



...fell after Anwar cannot be dismissed without sufficient force.

ences between Prime Minister Mahathir and Anwar were simmering for some time, partly since the financial crisis hit Malaysia as an advocate of free market. The financial crisis aggravated by foreign currency speculators, it seemed to have forced the premier to look for remedies.

a sharp difference of opinion. But the way it is handled is not refined, to say the least. It was not an ordinary minister. An

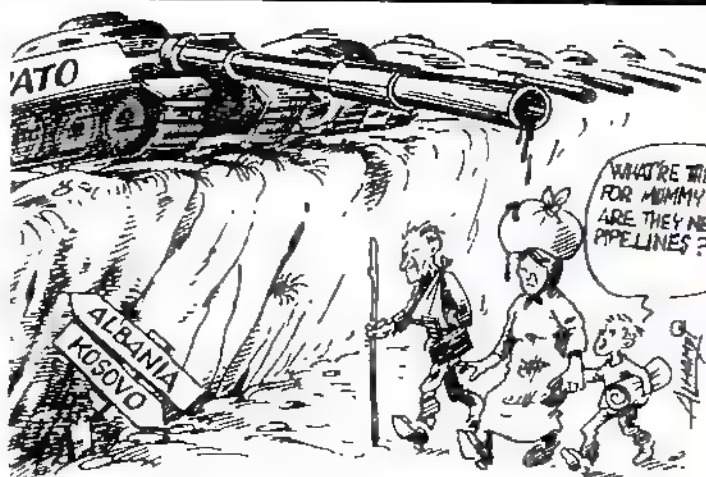
degenerated into a clash of titans. Anwar 51 did not agree to septuagenarian Mahathir's advice to resign.

The difference of opinion has not been resolved with Anwar shown the door. Now he is being hounded out. Coinciding with his ouster, the police said Wednesday that he was being investigated as part of claims made in a disparaging book, against which Anwar has sought a court injunction.

Furthermore, sources at the ruling United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) said Anwar was expected to lose his position as deputy president of the UMNO. There are fears that he may be arrested under the country's harsh Internal Security Act.

...the prime minister. Anwar's side of the media amidst scores of supporters. Mahathir will have to reshuffle prerogative as prime minister in this situation, all this is taking Malaysia into a political crisis which the country is fighting the financial.

A fresh crisis is the least intelligent leaders of Malaysia door of reconciliation ajar to establish whether Mahathir calls the conspiracy against him too late to avoid political tur



## Setting the Asian miracle back on track

David Astbury

Hong Kong now the failure of conventional wisdom is put out the regional foreboding has governments to reprocess of market liberalisation and the fiercely measures to get the Asian miracle back

ing's benefit in non- and the sanctity of its crumbled last in the Hong Kong authority embarked billion dollars having pup the local stock

is commitment to is ended abruptly with the pegging of the US dollar, the of exchange, and the king of Anwar Ibrahim to Prime Minister Mohamed had wowed national investment with his market

what their proponents tark deviations from economic wisdom are temporary expedients are implications for western world inter Asia

ing to free trade and Austria an Nanyang academic Ross The most important of the East Asia derive from the ideas from just as the Asian in the West options of economic "enemies"

ways of dealing economic meltdown

return for billion-dollar bailout packages, and those who have not

However reluctantly, Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia have all danced to the IMF tune slashing government spending, hiking up interest rates, attempting to clean out the banking sector and doing what they can to curb crony capitalism.

They have won praise for keeping faith with the free-market creed and for being willing to bear the pain of ongoing reform. Above all, they have won respect for accepting that most of the blame for the mess resides with the region's governments and not with a bunch of foreign conspirators.

Most experts agree that hot money from abroad puffed up property values and stock markets. David Clark, of the University of New South Wales, has compiled figures showing that in 1996 five Asian economies - Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines received net private capital inflows of 62 billion dollars.

The following year they experienced an outflow of 12 billion dollars. That's a turnaround in a single year of 105 billion dollars. 10 percent of the combined gross domestic product of those five economies.

It was the bursting of the bubble and the inability of banking systems across the region to cope against it that set off the financial frestorm.

Says Rajiv Lal, executive director of US based investment bank Warburg Pincus. "The single most important thread is the fragility of the financial systems, and that goes to the sustainability of growth."

"This is the most important cause and lesson of the South

need for radical reform of the financial system. Mahathir talks of reflation, of government spending to pump prime the economy of local banks ending again despite bad debt levels across the system that are predicted to reach 25 percent by next year.

"Not that Mahathir is without international support for his orthodox remedies. In an amazing turnaround, Massachusetts Institute of Technology economist Paul Krugman, the very man who denied the existence of the "Asian economic miracle" says orthodox remedies are now in order to recapture growth.

Speaking in Australia last week on the eve of a lecture tour round the region, Krugman endorsed the imposition of exchange controls as a way of breaking the link between domestic credit rates and currency exchange rates.

He also echoed a view heard around the region that the bitter IMF medicine has not engendered the recovery that was expected.

"Desperate times call for desperate measures," Krugman said. "A debt moratorium is not sufficient. As long as there are concerns about exchange rates that apply not just to existing debt but to any money that wants to move out, you need controls." Krugman, who was piloted around the region three years ago when he said Asian growth rates reflected perspiration rather than inspiration, also placed himself among those warning that the West's response to the Asian crisis would have implications far beyond mere economics.

"Anti-Asian racism" - London

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### Culture should bind; not divide

Sir - Many nations, with different cultures shaping their specific characteristics, often get into war with each other because of their differences. This is very wrong. We should sit down together to sort out any disagreements. We should also try to make our particular culture acceptable to others instead of presenting it as a challenge to them. After all, cultures are widespread phenomena in each contributing something to mankind. At present, as in the past, clashes of cultures abound in the world, the UK against France, the US against Russia, Israel against Arab countries and so on.

Of course, there are many international organisations established to solve the problems that arise between countries and to apply the rules of justice. This is not an easy task because of the many complications and difficulties involved in these matters. Moreover, decisions given against one party may not be accepted by it.

It is the nature of human beings to fight, but at the same time, they are creative and have the talents to do many excellent things. They are able to produce many wonderful things, a benefit for generations. It would be in our self-interest to secure benefits for other people as well as for ourselves, getting the right balance between the two. We should make it our duty to do the best we can for everyone we come into contact with. We should try to look at all sides of a problem. These are important matters that should be discussed by the international media.

The wasting of many of our natural resources should be avoided so that human beings can benefit from them in a better way. Modern life must be made better for everyone. The first step will be to escape from the endless cycle of crises.

Dr Hashim Ibrahim Hashim  
Jeddah

### Gazette face-to-face discussion

Sir - I would like to add my congratulations to the many you must be receiving on the face-to-face panel discussion on Pakistan organized by *Okaz* and the *Saudi Gazette* on August 28.

It was the first of its kind that I have come across in which people with different viewpoints from a particular nation had free, frank and open discussions, under the auspices of the *Saudi Gazette*, with a minister of the said country. In this case, Moshahid Hussain Syed, Pakistan's minister of information.

I am very positive in saying that it also provided a chance for a certain community to appreciate how prestigious your newspapers are. This kind of panel discussion, under the banner of a newspaper, establishes a close relationship between the reader and the newspaper.

I must compliment Mazhar Hasan Siddiq, who compiled the newspaper report (*Saudi Gazette*, August 29) if the discussions successfully in such a short time.

Thanking you again for providing us with this opportunity for meaningful discussions.

Shabbaz Hassan Choudhry  
Jeddah

### Clinton's private affair

Sir - As we all know that, Bill Clinton gave his

Are Americans to democracy is the president? I was a seed, pay life in his own public will only cases, if anyone lions, I should to secure great human too. Are a want their privilege under oath but I all boils which are private has been done but try to keep their and I not make a disgrace their own

### Obnoxious d

Sir - This refers to in the Muslim community we reacted against a very bad effect from it. If anybody wedding their he, and live on his d plight of those people who have a right in the requires all their daughters has to be returned, have to sell their accommodation to caves, women, no parents cannot a blessing of Allah behaved, culture, many other such quantities but are amount we will give. I would participate Hyderabad where the high. Some say side by jump (the pride of city) afford down to the if this dowry so many girls, from the marriage to a girl of family, some of we family pay a visit everything else is arises. If the girl's dowry then they proposal falls through.

If an educated his qualification time seeking an perfects. If the new generation may say a Islam system in which translated, a beautiful it would cultured and well. So the Muslim





Alhadi

# 's haunting ks into India



In contrast, fewer and fewer people in India attacking the Singh Parivar for communalizing atmosphere. seems that the fear, which haunts most liberals in Pakistan, is creeping into India. This is, indeed, a tragedy.

He canceled his visit to Pakistan because he could not afford to empty-handed after Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has to meet for most troubles, sporting and sustaining him, who represent the face of intransigence, not have escaped the flames of religious ferocity bound to reach Pakistan bush fires of fear people have been since the assassination of Minister Lingayat Ali 952. I presume that the back had the Taliban, support service intelligence did in Afghanistan to affect Pakistan, it could happen. Nawaz wanted to prove his credentials. Hence the other than that. Yet his given legitimacy to people. They may not what they have got half seems to have and their strength can bring roughnecks but they cannot enough support in religious parties put we never polled more percent of votes in the

action of Pakistan's but the armed forces, now. The top brass is warned over the con of muddling ranks there was an attempt to and brigadiers to the government because was not Islamic

Karnani does not want to step in. However, his predicament like many in and outside Pakistan must be why Nawaz Sharif with a two-third majority in the National Assembly had to resort first to the emergency and then play the Islamic card to buttress his rule. And still the unanswered question is why democracy has not taken roots in Pakistan even after 50 years of independence.

For New Delhi, the situation is of some concern because the anti-India bias strugs together people from the different parts of Pakistan.

With Afghanistan under the Taliban and Pakistan without constitutional tug, it is a long, fanatic and combustible stretch. It can be a shelter as well as a breeding ground for extremism, who may be tempted to meddle in the affairs of Central Asia on the one side and India on the other.

The proxy war in Kashmir may get intensified. Vajpayee's concern over too much religion in a neighboring country is legitimate. But it does not behove a BJP leader of his status to say that "when the world is getting into the 21st century no step should be taken that is retrogressive."

The raison d'être of the BJP is pure Hinduism of olden days. The party cherishes the Hindu Rashtriya, which will negate the centuries' old composite culture of India.

Left to the RSS, the BJP's mentor, Hindu fundamentalists will rule the country. To placate them, the BJP is revising history to lessen the contribution of Muslims. The recent example is that of change of books in the BJP-ruled Gujarat. Human Resources Development Minister Murli Manohar Joshi has nominated such members to the Indian Historical Research Council as have pronounced Hindu leanings. Information Minister Sushma Swaraj puts persons with RSS background in positions, which occur under her charge.

Mixing religion with politics or the state is regressive. Pakistan is a casualty of such thinking. India has to guard against it because that can be the end of democratic polity. The Singh Parivar is determined to take the country to the fundamentalistic path. But it should be fought tooth and nail. No wonder even the Punjabi press has attacked Home Minister L. K. Advani for "deliberate misuse of religion in the interest of politics."

One haunting development in Pakistan is that more and more people are shaking fear of the maulvi and lashing out as extremists.

The press too has lost its voice. In contrast, fewer and fewer people in India are attacking the Singh Parivar for communalizing the atmosphere. It seems that the fear, which

prevalent Pakistani government, it has left a government on three occasions since 1988. This is crystal clear proof of its incompetence, inefficiency in government, lack of political wisdom, mediocre leadership and failure to serve those who voted for it. It has also proved itself to be the most unreliable political group incompatible with its former partners. It has failed again and again. It cannot keep on running away; it must be accountable to its voters. The MQM leadership cannot disown responsibility for the losses, misery, grievances and destruction it has inflicted on the Mohajir community in particular and the entire Karachi population in general.

It was a coalition partner of the last three governments, sharing power both at the Center and in Sindh province, but it has proved to be highly ineffective in assemblies, administration and ministerial matters. It exerts constant pressure and blackmails each government to meet its long list of demands similar to the conditions of 'Samri jadoogar', and thus resembles a college union group. Mohajirs must think seriously and consider the last 12 years in the history of Karachi. From this, they will conclude that they pay under the MQM flag are zero. Are we going to give another chance to this group of selfish people in future? The answer should certainly be 'No'.

S.N.H.Naqvi  
Dammam

## Knock-on effect

Sir - The current economic crisis started in the Far East and spread to the rest of the world. This shows how the whole world has become closely interconnected through technological developments. The controlling of businesses, the processing of data and the taking of decisions all take place on a global basis. Technology, especially automation, has created a global village in which all things seem possible.

But the problem with this development is that if mistakes are committed in one place these can quickly affect all other places and the situation can get out of control. A nation may find it very difficult to protect itself from these sudden effects and the basic needs of the country may not be provided for. In former days, there would have been time to take precautionary measures but this is no longer possible. There are many examples of countries suffering from the current economic crisis, Indonesia, Japan, and now Russia among them. Problems have been compounded by the unstable political situations in the various countries.

The key is really with the US which has been trying to impose the Western financial system on countries regardless of individual circumstances. But the West does not worry about such things and is concerned only about its own interests. The ill-effects of the new world economic order are therefore becoming apparent but no country should suffer badly if it has governed its affairs in a proper manner.

However, the countries which have mismanaged their affairs will need miracles to save them from disasters arising from a multitude of inter-related factors. The case of Russia is a special one. When the communist system broke down in the USSR, the people were dreaming of finding a haven in the capitalist system. However, it was not easy to bring about the required changes quickly. It was extremely difficult to get people who had been brought up in the old system to adopt new ways of thinking and behaving. This may only be possible in the next generation. All that can be done in the present society is to prepare the path for the future. The way forward will be hard but eventually Russia will be able to stand side by side with the West or, rather, to follow the Western path into the new millennium.

Habib Ibrahim Fildali  
Jeddah

## The real value of NAM

Sir - The value of the valuable is not diminished by ridicule. Following the end of the Cold War between the USSR and the West, and the disintegration of Soviet empire, it was being said that the Non Aligned Movement (NAM) had lost the reason for its existence as there was no more need for alignment with either Russia or America. NAM survived this view and continued to be a forum of importance for its members.

The recent Durban summit of NAM saw huge participation. Why was this? Why would so many heads of state and foreign ministers waste their time if NAM was of no value? In fact NAM is

an organization which believes in mutual respect, and member does not bulldoze any other and, in fact, members try to help each other in any way they can. It is goodwill toward each other that is a hallmark of NAM.

At every available opportunity, the topic of feuding members is brought up by the detractors of NAM. It is mentioned that a soft approach adopted by NAM toward disputes. This is natural. Detractors should appreciate that a more sensible approach in such situations is to advise rather than squeeze through, for example, the imposition of sanctions.

Criticism cannot be adopted as a means of bringing peace among particular members, for this approach is not a virtue of the wise. NAM is a movement for identifying areas of cooperation for mutual benefit. It is not an organization of undertaking corrective measures against its own members. Hence, it cannot adopt an aggressive approach.

NAM is a court for its members, and a court of countries where conciliation is practiced and not the norms of universally acceptable deals. This is the most valuable aspect of NAM that all its members respect.

Ideals are the foundation of every worthwhile edifice. NAM is fortunate to function on an ideal and not on the inherent desires of materialism through subjugation. That is the reason why NAM has never gone astray.

Mohammed Abdul Aleem  
Yanbu

## Missing diplomats the issue

Sir - Ayoub Ali Khan is going too far in his speculation about Iran waging war on the Taliban, as if Iran is the aggressor in the region. Ali Khamenei has stated clearly that Iran will not enter into a war with Afghanistan. Ali Khan uses all sorts of feeble excuses why Pakistan and Iran will get involved in a regional war and then he talks about using or not using nuclear weapons. What he forgets is that Pakistan has excellent relations with Iran and there exists absolutely no reason for them getting involved in a conflict. Or is it perhaps wishful thinking?

The real and only issue is that the Taliban, by their own admission, conceded that the Iranian diplomats have in all probability been killed. This and nothing else, is the issue. It is a totally un-Islamic act to kill diplomats. The Prophet (pbuh) received the ambassador of Musallama Al-Kathab, who became an apostate. After reading the message the Prophet (pbuh) said to the ambassador, "Had you not been an emissary I would have killed you (for apostasy)." The Prophet (pbuh) protected the ambassador and sent him back with a message that there can be no cooperation with Musallama. This sets the Islamic precedent that a diplomat must be accorded protection, however much his government is despised.

Khan seems as if he has potential to understand the issues but fails to intellectualize or argue the case properly.

Ali Mohsen  
Jeddah

## Acknowledging another writer

Sir - This refers to the letter titled "Tamils not oppressed in Sri Lanka," (Sandak Gazette, September 7). I am a Pakistani national and I have read several of Mr K. Kamalakaran's letters. I am amused at the way he is able to apply variation from letter to letter and hardly I have ever found duplication in any of those letters as Mr Zulfikar claims. No doubt people like Zulfikar find it hard to acknowledge the talent of another writer. After reading Zulfikar's letter my wife and I could infer Zulfikar's unbearable jealousy over Kamalakaran.

While I do not intend to interfere in the subject of controversy (in Lankan ethnic crisis) between Zulfikar and Kamalakaran, my conscience does not let me avoid admonishing Zulfikar over his personal attacks on another upcoming writer.

Mr Zulfikar Almighty Allah in accordance with His great mercy and will, blesses some people with wisdom and understanding. The act of not acknowledging such people's talent is tantamount to despising Allah's creation itself. No one can escape the consequences of committing such a grave sin.

We understand that Zulfikar is a Tamil hater and so he can't bear a Tamil excelling in his writing that he frames unfounded charges against him in public. It is called wickedness. We pray that Zulfikar

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also be an occasion to coordinate positions on issues of mutual interests.

The international tour will start with a widely welcomed three-day visit to Britain. Saudi Arabia's Ambassador in London, Dr Ghazi Al-Gosaibi, said the Crown Prince's talks with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and other leaders would encompass and boost all aspects of bilateral relations. The British

political and economic ties including joint investment and development.

The stalled Mid-east peace process and the resultant threats to peace and security are also expected to figure prominently in the Crown Prince's talks in different world capitals. The tour will bear fruits for all the countries concerned while advancing the cause of world peace and regional security

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**Kashmir powder keg**

Sir Dr Ghulam Nabi Fai, executive director of the Washington-based Kashmiri American Council (KAC) today applauded United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan for spotlighting Kashmir in his annual report to the 53rd session of the United Nations General Assembly scheduled to begin on September 21.

The secretary general correctly characterized the unflagging freedom struggle against foreign occupying powers in Kashmir as harrowing because of the nuclear capabilities of India and Pakistan. Dr Fai declared that, "since its nationhood, secured on August 15, 1947 Kashmir has been despoiled, defiled, and devastated by foreign military troops and denied its fundamental right of self-determination. The nuclear danger in South Asia will never recede until Kashmiris receive the justice and political liberty promised by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Charter and a series of United Nations Security Council resolutions providing for a free and fair self-determination vote."

Dr Fai further stressed that the Kashmir powder keg cannot be left to bilateral negotiations between India and Pakistan, a formula that has proven sterile for over 51 years. He added "What is needed is outside mediation and an equal-partnership negotiating role for the people of Kashmir represented by the All-Party Hurriyat Conference. That approach cut the Gordian knot in Northern Ireland and it would seem equally promising if applied in Kashmir."

Kashmiri American Council  
Washington, DC

**Need for a better future**

Sir There are many difficulties to be overcome before a comprehensive settlement can be reached in the Mid-east. Of course, the main stumbling block is still Israel. However, we are getting near the point where Israel may agree to withdraw from 13 percent of the West Bank, leaving that area entirely to the Palestinians. Israel knows what it is doing and has a well thought-out strategy with regard to the Arabs. This not only applies to the Palestinians but also to other Arab countries, especially Syria and Lebanon where there is the question of returning occupied land. Israel still holds the Golan Heights it grabbed from Syria in the 1967 war and also the southern strip of Lebanon it occupies for "security" reasons. Israel must enter into serious negotiations about these territories on the basis of legal rights and natural justice.

It has already made its peace with Egypt and Jordan, as well as starting the process with the Palestinians, but it must now show serious intentions towards its other neighbors.

Other Arab countries also have major problems. Algeria has terrible security problems and Sudan has desperate economic troubles as well as a devastating war in the south of the country. These countries have the resources to become rich and successful but they are not being properly exploited. Then there are the well-known problems of Iraq, Libya and Somalia.

So what does the future hold for the Arab world? Will the next generation of Arabs live a better life with a higher standard of living, peace and security, and the opportunity to live more productive and more creative lives? Will they be able to make better use of the rich resources of their countries?

A comprehensive peace settlement must be worked out with Israel as an essential precondition for a better way of life for all Arab people and for Israelis too. Trade would be able to develop. Culture would also get a chance to flourish. History gives us an example of a time when Arabs and Jews lived together happily in Andalusia, part of the present day Spain, where trade and culture flourished within the empire of that time. That is a model that could be followed in the Mid-east to benefit future generations if a just peace settlement could be arranged.

Hashim Ibrahim Filali  
Jeddah

**America's darkest hour?**

Sir The American way is shocking! To think that the US House of Representatives actually voted overwhelmingly to demolish a human spirit by washing the dirty linen of the country's highest office in public and flooding the world with smut.

Clinton has definitely sinned. He has admitted it. He has lost the moral authority to remain in office, he has apparently lied and obstructed justice, but does he or any individual for that matter deserve to be sacrificed on the altar of international public opinion in such a cruel and demeaning fashion?

September 11, 1998 must surely go down in history as the day the US House of Representatives stooped lowest and gave the world the worst sampling yet of American culture.

Joyce Ogee  
Jeddah

## Moscow's red dawn still only a glimmer

By Alastair Macdonald

**'R**EDS in the White House? asked Moscow's liberal daily *Sevdenia* on Friday as at least one communist prepared to take a senior job at Russia's government headquarters under new Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov.

But as Primakov was installed as a compromise choice between

the path Primakov will choose to haul Russia out of its deepest economic crisis since Yeltsin led it away from communism in 1991.

Some analysts doubted the communists would even try to impose the sort of command economy the party outlined in a policy document this week. "We need to go on with reforms. Without them, there is no way out of the present situation," Primakov said.

Another haunting element in the government could come from the communists themselves.

Alexei Kara-Murza, a researcher at the Russian Academy of Sciences who follows the movement, closely said the communist strategy was to maintain their distance from government in order to benefit from public dissatisfaction at parliamentary and presidential elections.



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Over twenty nations, most of them European, have  
announced assistance. The US has sent urgent  
supplies including a plane-load of water-purification  
tablets, while USAID has offered \$1.7 million in  
addition to the \$1.57 million it has provided for  
emergency food supplies. The United Nations World  
Food Program has announced a huge aid operation.  
Much help has been given or pledged but very much  
more is still required.

In addition to emergency aid, the country also  
needs enough cash to be able to survive when the  
floods have receded. Bangladeshi economists say  
that, as a result of the floods, economic growth will be  
stunted for two to three years.

districts since July, and 120 million people in a  
country of 130 million are closely affected. Even  
residential areas of Dhaka are knee-deep in water.  
The city is fearing the collapse of the 32 km dike  
which provides Dhaka's last defense against the  
main floods. The army and thousands of civil  
volunteers, going days without sleep, are standing  
watch at the embankment.

One hundred and thirty million people are  
struggling to survive. It is said that 20 million face  
death if the floods do not subside within the next  
three weeks.

The entire world community must - as a matter of  
the utmost urgency - rally to their aid.



## Focus on



Another observer doubts that  
the American public is as inter-  
ested as the media bosses seem to  
believe. He blames the obses-  
sion partly on the growing num-  
ber of cable television stations  
that compete feverishly, each  
trying to outdo the other in snar-  
ling viewers with sensationalism.

Network news segments rarely  
deal with more than six major  
news events and these days three  
or four focus on Clinton's pri-  
vate life.

In my view, TV is only part of  
the reason. Even with its capac-  
ity to cover scores of major news  
events in one issue, the print  
media is nearly as bad as the  
electronic in one especially re-  
spectable respect.

Driven partly by the constant  
pressure of trying to compete  
with broadcasting's ability to  
provide instant coverage of  
breaking stories, newspapers  
and magazines have lowered al-  
most to ground level the bars on  
what is decent and acceptable.

A noteworthy aspect of the  
media's obsession with presen-  
tational sex is the eagerness with  
which newspapers and other  
print media report allegations  
of gossip in extraneous detail.  
The *Christian Science Monitor*,  
small but prestigious daily, is  
a lonely exception.

Bob Woodward, assistant ed-

During those earlier times I  
edited a weekly newspaper in a  
rural Illinois county. At that  
time gambling was officially  
considered a bad habit that  
should be discouraged by public  
policy, including postal regula-  
tion. Most of our readers re-  
ceived their newspapers through  
discounted rates.

Postal regulations prohibited  
periodicals from mentioning  
lotteries, drawings or bingo  
games. All were considered  
forms of gambling, and if a  
newspaper broke the postal pro-  
hibition, it would risk losing rate  
discounts.

In another expression of gov-  
ernmental guidance, slot and  
pinball machines were out-  
lawed.

Despite the prohibition, such  
gambling devices were preva-  
lent in our home country and  
nearby.

The man who owned the  
gambling machines had an ar-  
rangement under which he made  
regular contributions to grateful  
local units of government.

It did not last. One evening,  
state police gathered up the  
gambling machines from vari-  
ous business establishments  
throughout the country piled  
them up at a highway intersec-  
tion near the country seat and  
the next morning destroyed them  
with axes.

The police had acted on the  
order of Illinois Governor Adlai  
Stevenson II, who later un-  
successfully opposed Dwight D.  
Eisenhower for the presidency.  
Kennedy as ambassador to the  
United Nations.

The newspaper I edited, and  
most of the others in the region

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105652.1670@compuserve.com. The fax number is 6727621.  
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### Turkey in search of a role

Sir - Turkey is trying to find a place for itself in  
the world. It forms a bridge between West and  
East but is not really a true part of either. It has not  
been accepted for membership of the European  
Union (EU) and so has turned East to find a role  
there. But it has to find the right balance between  
Israel and the Arabs which are in dispute, particu-  
larly over the Israeli occupation of Arab lands.  
Turkey is very concerned about trading prospects  
and especially good outlets for its exports. It  
needs good alternatives to the EU.

Turkey has decided to have close ties with Is-  
rael because of Jewish influence in Turkish busi-  
ness and also because of worldwide Jewish clout.  
Companies with Jewish connections such as Ford  
and Coca-Cola used to be on the Arabs' blacklist  
but this is no longer the case. Turkey has many  
important natural resources and is trying hard to  
industrialize, so commercial ties are of the utmost  
importance to it.

However, Turkey has severe internal problems  
which affect its position in the Middle East. It is  
suppressing the Islamic party though the vast  
majority of the people in the country are Muslims.  
Moreover, the influence of the army, behind the  
scenes, is very strong.

Turkey just does not know which it is going to  
be. It has inherited many problems from the old Ot-  
oman Empire. It is not trusted by the West and now,  
because of its close relations with Israel, it is for-  
feiting Arab goodwill. It is having to fight the  
Kurds and has serious differences with its neigh-  
bors Syria, Iraq and Iran. What can be the way  
ahead for it in such problematic circumstances?

Hashim Ibrahim Filali  
Jeddah

### Kashmiris thank Mandela

Sir - Dr Ghulam Nabi Fai, executive director of  
the Washington-based Kashmiri American Council  
has expressed his gratitude to President Nelson  
Mandela of South Africa for urging third-party  
assistance to achieve a peaceful resolution of the  
51-year-old conflict over Kashmir.

During the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)  
Summit in Durban, South Africa, President Man-  
dela declared: "All of us remain concerned that  
the issue of Jammu and Kashmir should be solved  
through peaceful negotiation, and should be will-  
ing to lend all the strength we have to the resolu-  
tion of this matter."

Dr Fai applauded President Mandela's bold-  
ness and inspiration and elaborated: "I wish to  
express incalculable gratitude for your brave de-  
fense of the right to self-determination of the  
people of Kashmir achieved through peaceful ne-  
gotiations facilitated by neutral and impartial  
third-party involvement. Your voice rings with  
exceptional persuasiveness because of your hero-  
ic triumph over similar injustice in South Africa  
after the long and painful years of apartheid. You  
have taught Kashmiris that no quest is hopeless  
that is fueled by fundamental principles of mor-  
ality and international law."

The executive director said that, "Although In-  
dia's initial reaction was belligerent, you un-  
doubtedly remember that your initial overtures to  
the Kashmiri people were sincere and honest."

homeless.

I would also like to suggest that the  
high level coverage of the Clinton-Mandela  
opera for so many months is really dis-  
proportionate. They could have devoted more time and  
to important issues like the flooding in In-  
dia, the sufferings in the Sudan, the Ku-  
Klux Klan in Kosovo and Palestine, the problem of  
the many grievous problems of the  
look forward to the day when the media  
treat Clinton with the same interest as the  
Clinton saga will come to an end.

Dr Abdul K  
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### Are Sri Lankan Tamils oppressed?

Sir - I refer to the letter "Tamils in Sri Lanka"  
(Saudi Gazette, September 12) by K. Kar-  
im. I have a serious question for you. Mr.  
Karim, the response it generated. As a Sri Lan-  
kankan, I would like to know the real issue here. Are  
Tamils oppressed in Sri Lanka?

Mr. Karim has said that he would welcome  
the possibility of touring the Tamil-dominated  
area of Sri Lanka in order to see for himself the  
sufferings of the Tamil people. For his information,  
there is currently a ruthless campaign of  
being waged in these areas by the LTTE in  
order to protect all concerned, the area  
has been declared closed by the government  
of Sri Lanka.

Many accusations and counter-accu-  
sations have been flung about, but the facts of the  
case are clear. True, there is an ethnic problem  
in Sri Lanka, but the present government ac-  
knowledges it at the time of the presidential elec-  
tion and vowed to solve it by negotiations if they  
were voted into power. Such was the desire for  
that the people of Sri Lanka voted for Anura-  
dura Kumara Dissanayake with over 62 percent  
of the votes cast.

Despite the genuine efforts made by the  
government of Sri Lanka to secure peace, the LTTE  
back on its word and recommenced its cam-  
paign of terror, killing many innocent people in  
places like Colombo. This has been widely  
denied that the U.S.A. has described the LTTE  
as a terrorist group.

As for Tamils being denied responsible  
employment positions, please consider these facts:  
In the recent past, the Inspector General of  
Police was a Tamil and since was the justice  
holder of the highest judicial office in Sri Lanka.  
Kashmiri nationalist parties have been led by  
Tamil in all previous governments and at  
the justice, home affairs and foreign affairs  
ministries are all Tamils, as is the external  
spokesman. Therefore to claim that Tamils  
not given their due place in society is far from  
truth.

As for Mr. Karim's comment that schoolgirls  
were questioned at checkpoints and killed  
was just one such case in the recent past as  
culprits have been taken to court, found  
guilty and sentenced to death. This shows that  
prevails whatever the race of the victim.  
As for these allegations on the Tamil issue,

...and so Prime Minister Tony Blair immediately denied that there was any such plan. Even President Boris Yeltsin stepped in, saying that he would "react very strongly" to any measures that would have a negative impact on the Russian people. This seems to mean that the president is opposed to a ban on the sale of foreign currency

Russian government is willing to play the world rules." In effect, this means that Russia is being pressured to resume the very economic reforms that have caused many of the problems from which it is now suffering

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## Respect for Blair, not love, binds Labor

By John Morrison

**'H**E'S a phenomenon, this man. He has us applauding all sorts of things to which we're totally opposed.

The confusion from a bemused delegate to the annual conference of Britain's ruling Labor Party sums up the paradox of Tony Blair's leadership.

Almost a year and a half after his landslide victory in a general election, Blair seems to connect better with the mass of voters than with the grumbling grass-roots members of his own party gathered by the seaside for their annual bonding session.

The conference gave Blair a standing ovation. But many delegates were doubtful, even mistrustful of where their leader wanted to take them. The party is ambivalent about Blair's centrist "New Labor" vision, though he himself denies it.

"The conference has shown the whole of the party is New Labor, really," Blair told Sky News.

His deputy John Prescott and most of Blair's other ministers won easy applause by pressing traditional buttons and attacking traditional targets: greedy bosses of privatized industries, or the Conservative opposition.

But Blair won his standing ovation by challenging Labor orthodoxy, telling his troops to accept the logic of free markets and a competitive global economy.

Labor activists found their cherished assumptions and holy cows blasted in every line of their leader's speech, which attacked mediocre teachers and poor state schools, inefficient state hospitals and Britain's ramshackle welfare state.

Blair dismissed calls for a change of economic policy and urged delegates to go out and



writers were quick to evoke the specter of Margaret Thatcher, another leader who swung her party to the right and forced it to adopt a radically new agenda.

The fate of Thatcher, who was dumped by a revolt in her own party in 1990 after a decade and a half as its leader, remains a long term warning to Blair, but he is confident he has remade the party in his own image.

"There will never be any going back to the old days of the Labor Party," he told ITN television. "What you saw this week was a mature party, a party of government, a party very united, very disciplined."

"You compare that with the Labor Party of 20 years ago. It has been a miraculous change and that miraculous change is rooted, and it is never ever going to be changed again."

Blair dismissed the idea that the reshaped conference had been stage-managed to avoid argument, using a phrase which showed his contempt for the party's old habits.

"We have done conference in an entirely new way, which is not the old way with a whole lot of people shouting and bawling at each other," he said.

Blair dismissed the idea that the party was becoming restless

Executive ended with four of the places being won by a slate largely made up of left-wing dissidents.

"You can exaggerate this, you know. The NEC is probably more firmly pro-Blair leadership with a whole new generation of people on it than it has ever been," he told ITN. "Contrary to popular belief I don't mind at all people making criticisms."

Left winger Ken Livingstone, however, hailed the result as a slap in the face for Blair's "New Labor" party managers: the young men and women known as the "Millbank tendency" after the Westminster road where the party has its headquarters.

Mark Seddon, editor of the left-wing *Weekly Tribune* and one of the successful candidates for the National Executive, said Blair's constant need for control was counterproductive.

"We are a representative party, not just agents of management," complained veteran left-winger Tony Benn, who contrasted the "glitz and glamour" on the platform with the unchanging values of the delegates in the hall.

But Labor's old Left is a spent force, according to insiders. "There is no real left wing in the organizational sense but there is a resurgence of grass roots debate," says Michael Joseph of the Fabian Society think-tank.

Dissenters complain they are being marginalized, left-wing MPs fear that sooner or later the party rules will be changed to block their candidatures at the next election, due by 2002.

But there are signs that Blair is paying more attention to the mood of the broad rank and file. One message the conference gave him was to steer clear of any deals with Britain's third party, the Liberal Democrats, over electoral reform.

Blair cautiously played for time on the subject, declining to say in advance whether he would back a change to a more proportional voting system, the

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### Need for Arab action

Sir - There are so many problems that await solution and nothing is being done about them. But what is the way forward for the Arab world? Libya, unfairly subjected to United Nations sanctions at the behest of the United States and Britain, is a case in point. That country is being victimized because of unsubstantiated accusations that two Libyan nationals were in some way involved in the blowing up of an American passenger aircraft over Lockerbie in Scotland in 1988. Some moves are now being made to settle the matter but, in the meantime, sanctions remain in force. Iraq and Sudan are also suffering from Western hostility. It seems as though Western countries have no sort of respect for Third World nations and especially those in the Arab world.

Arab states have expressed their sympathy for their brothers in Libya but more active help is needed. Arabs and Africans should now work together to defy the West.

Sanctions should be ignored and a start could be made by resuming normal flights to the country. A beginning has, in fact, already been made in this respect. It is necessary for us to take appropriate action to make the West take heed of us and give us the proper respect that we deserve. We have to change the bad image that the West has of us and make sure that, in the future, it will treat us with justice.

But, first of all, current problems have to be resolved so that all parties are treated with fairness. It is time for the Arab world to assert itself and so demand the respect that is its due.

Hashim Ibrahim Filali  
Jeddah

### Catch-22 situation

Sir - The ailing Asian tiger economies of Indonesia, Thailand and South Korea may be nursed back to health if only foreign investors will stage a comeback.

Thus, however, is a catch-22 situation since foreign investors are the very first to flee at the slightest sign of economic trouble. As a result, stock markets in these countries have crashed due to capital flight. The contagion has already spread to Russia and currently to Brazil.

The first line of defense favored by the International Monetary Fund is for central banks to defend the value of currencies by raising interest rates to discourage speculators from hoarding US dollars purchased out of loans from banks.

However, when interest rates are raised, investments will inevitably suffer as people with excess funds would rather deposit their savings in banks or buy government bonds offering guaranteed higher yields instead of investing in the volatile stock markets. Moreover, the higher lending rates serve as a disincentive to business expansion.

Ultimately, defending the currency will lead to the contraction of the economy or economic recession. The Gross National Product (GNP) and government income derived from taxation will decline due to business contraction while unemployment figures will soar to record high levels.

Malaysia has recently adopted the extreme measure of fixing the exchange rate and ending the convertibility of the ringgit to insulate it from currency speculators.

But this serves to discourage more foreign investors faced with the non repatriation of capital and profits. Moreover, foreign investments must remain in Malaysia for at least a year before they can be repatriated, subject to the approval of the monetary authorities.

In Chile, authorities have imposed a tax on foreign investments restricted before the ex-

formation declining standing.

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**Tony Blair**  
British Prime Minister

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**Tung Chee-hwa**  
Hong Kong Chief Executive

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Kong in 1984

Britain returned the territory  
of 6.6 million people to China  
in July last year, ending 156  
years of colonial rule.

Under a Sino-British agree-  
ment, Hong Kong will have a  
large degree of autonomy for  
30 years.

Lee said he told Blair it was  
far too early to say whether the  
"one country, two systems"  
work like a pendulum. When it  
swings to the right it's steady  
things pick up in terms of the  
economy in terms of human  
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"I told him that as a master of  
history things in the PRC  
(People's Republic of China)  
work like a pendulum. When it  
swings to the right it's steady  
things pick up in terms of the  
economy in terms of human  
rights.

"But then suddenly it will  
swing violently to the left, and  
it will destroy every achieve-  
ment along with it," said Lee,  
who is also a prominent barris-  
ter in the territory.

"I told him a the moment the  
pendulum in China is very  
much to the right, you have a  
very confident leadership. The  
proper time to judge the policy  
is when the pendulum swings to  
the left."

Whether Blair has given  
homages to fortune, only time  
will tell. His own private view  
according to his aides, is that  
change in China toward a more  
open society is unstoppable and  
that Britain should try to  
smooth the way for the Chinese  
leaders to cope with it.

Blair's fresh start in relations  
with China was, bring a state  
visit to London by President Ji-  
ang next year. Between now  
and then he will be watching  
the pendulum closely. Rir

### Welcome back PAL

Sir It is great news that Philippine Airlines, the  
country's flag carrier, will resume operation  
soon. Thanks are due to the members of the PAL  
union who have voted to revive Asia's oldest  
airline. This will reduce the country's unemployment  
and boost our economy in the airline in-  
dustry.

We will be overjoyed to see PAL airplanes rise  
up high into the air once again.

**Layzl A. Montiro**  
Jeddah

### Crippled capitalism

Sir Tanq Ghazi's article "Crises cripple capi-  
talism" (*Saudi Gazette*, October 8), provided an  
interesting analysis of the failing economies of  
the world, with special emphasis on capitalism.

He has correctly pinpointed the faults within  
the capitalist system and the tendency to provide  
short-term relief through various provisional  
methods. He has also presented an overview of  
the philosophies of democracy and communism  
which go along with capitalism and socialism  
respectively.

However, Ghazi's opinion that "capitalism is  
an unwritten ideology unlike socialism which is  
the fantasy of one man (Karl Marx) forced on  
society by brute force" is a generalization which  
ignores some crucial aspects with global impli-  
cations.

Ghazi himself pointed out that communism is  
self was produced by the Western intelligentsia  
and was imposed upon society by force. The  
question which should be considered is who  
comprised that intelligentsia and what was its  
philosophy?

Commenting on capitalism Ghazi described it  
as an unwritten ideology which, of course, has  
engulfed the whole world. However capitalism,  
which cunningly deceives people by using the  
label "free market economy" is not at all free  
from the tight controls of institutions, and these  
dominate the economy, the banking system,  
the market forces, the media and even the so-  
called democracies themselves either directly  
indirectly or through despotic means. How is all  
this done?

An answer to these questions would make the  
analysis of capitalism and its failure clearer and  
more meaningful. In his last paragraphs, Ghazi  
has hinted at an answer by suggesting that Islam  
could be a close ally of Western civilization on  
which he fears may collapse.

The scenario is quite clear: first the creation of  
capitalism, then the creation of communism as a  
hostile force; then the Cold War, next the elimi-  
nating of communism which signaled the end of  
the Cold War and its threat to capitalism and de-  
mocracy finally the ideal of the New World Or-  
der.

But the prevailing forces are facing a potential  
challenge which is still in place, intact and more  
visible, natural and final. That is Islam, which is  
giving nightmares to the West because they see  
only in negative terms.

**Shahk Nizamuddin**  
Riyadh

### Arabs must look toward Europe

Sir - Israel knows very well that it can rely on  
great support from the US. Therefore the Arabs  
should look more to Europe and especially to  
France which has helped the Arabs against Israel.

in the past, notably in the 1973 war. Even Britain  
is establishing better relations with the Arab  
World through its economic interests in the Gulf  
states. By strengthening such ties the Arabs will  
be in a stronger position against Israel, and will  
be better able to handle the Israeli maneuvering  
over Palestine, Syria and Lebanon. The Israeli  
position is hardening on these matters and a set-  
tlement is, as a result, becoming more difficult to  
achieve. The position would be very different if  
only Europe would get fully involved in the  
Middle East peace process.

**Hussein Ibrahim Fikri**  
Jeddah

### Ghazal and Talat Asle

Sir The ghazal evening staged in the Indian In-  
ternational School auditorium last Thursday was  
a deeply satisfying experience. The Jeddah fan-  
cers of ghazal were greatly entertained by Talat  
Aziz. It was a performance of superb skill in  
ghazal singing.

Talat is an artist who is naturally possessed of  
a rare sweetness of voice. His remarkable control  
of rhythm his address in diction were really  
admirable. Ghazal singing is an art and Talat  
performed it with consummate skill.

Ghazal concerts are not new in Jeddah and  
there is no doubt of such diversions in this city.  
What was new, however, this concert was Talat's ar-  
tistic genius and the enthusiastic of the receptive  
audience. It was a thoroughly delightful evening  
that the ghazal lovers of Jeddah will cherish for  
a long long time.

The dedication and hard work that went into  
the planning of this memorable evening was evi-  
dent to every detail. The organizers of a concert  
of such exquisite quality certainly deserve our  
appreciation. We welcome competition.

**Syed H. Hashmi**  
Jeddah

### Working mothers

Sir I am writing in response to the article "Es-  
pert highlights role of women in state economy"  
by Aref M. Younis (*Saudi Gazette*, October 3),  
concerning working women in Saudi Arabia. I  
enjoyed the article.

However I would like to mention some of the  
difficulties I am experiencing as a mother who  
would like to work. There are a lot of jobs avail-  
able but the obstacles one faces are quite a few.

To start with the summer school vacation is  
far too long causing the problem of who will look  
after the children while the mother is at work.  
Also, the school hours are from 7:30 am to 1:00-  
2:00 pm. But jobs available for women, apart  
from those in a school, are from 7:00 or 8:00 am  
to 3:00 or 4:00 pm, or from 8:00 am to 12:00 and  
4:30 to 7:30 pm. Who will who will look after the  
children while the mother is at work?

If women are to be encouraged to work then it  
would be appreciated if part time jobs or others  
to suit a mother were made available.

I have quite a few qualifications and would like  
to work but not at the expense of my children. I  
feel that nobody can look after children as their  
mother does. I am sure that if such things were  
taken into consideration we would have an in-  
creasing number of women contributing to the  
work force. I would certainly be one of them.

**Umm Ibrahim**  
Makkah

## Majko symbolizes new hope for beleaguered Albania

By Arthur Caballero

ALBANIA'S young new  
Prime Minister, Pandeli Majko,  
brings a new sense of hope to  
Tirana, analysts said on Friday,  
a day after parliament approved  
the 30-year-old.

The new youthful leader of  
the socialist-led coalition  
named a Cabinet filled with

The opposition Democratic  
Party vehemently opposed  
Majko's predecessor, Fatah  
Nano, who resigned on Sep-  
tember 29 after disagreements  
with his coalition partners.

The democrats are as op-  
posed to Majko, as they were to  
Nano, calling the new leader a  
puppet of Nano.

Democratic Party leader Sh-  
k Berisha said street protests that  
were directed against Nano

determined his efforts to improve  
the country.

The challenges facing Majko  
are formidable. Besides the op-  
position of the Democratic Par-  
ty, the new prime minister takes  
over a country in economic and  
political disarray.

The conflict between ethnic  
Albanians and Serbs in Kosovo  
has a ray in involve the Alban  
an military.

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in the general international arena. Its views are  
respected because it is known to be a force for peace  
and understanding.

Chinese Ambassador to the Kingdom Yu Xing Zhi,  
has emphasized the importance Beijing attaches to  
Crown Prince Abdullah's visit. He said it would  
provide an opportunity for leaders of the two  
countries to exchange views on ways to develop  
relations and on regional and international issues.  
Crown Prince Abdullah has himself touched on  
matters he will discuss during his visits. He said that  
the Arab and Muslim Worlds are concerned that  
misconceptions about Islam are being unjustly  
spread with no respect for the feelings of over a  
billion Muslims around the world.

The Crown Prince will also discuss the economic  
problems afflicting the world. The Asian economies  
have been in trouble for more than a year. Similarly,

oil prices remain below their natural levels and this is  
affecting many developing economies. But the  
troubles are not confined to developing nations. The  
leaders of the industrialized nations have been  
warning about a likely global recession. The situation  
requires joint efforts on the part of all nations to avert  
further economic decline.

Saudi Arabia is part of the world economy and its  
leaders are eager to contribute to global economic  
stability. The Kingdom has been following sound  
economic policies and would like all other nations to  
play their part. Crown Prince Abdullah's visit to the  
Far East is a recognition of that region's importance  
to Saudi Arabia but also of its role in world affairs. In  
his meetings with regional leaders, he will stress that  
the interests of humanity can best be served through  
international cooperation based upon the principle of  
justice for all.



## Cup of tea

By Khalid Bin Wahid  
**Offbeat**

Using a rather interesting  
anecdote. One might even  
as far back as to assume that  
historic caveman ancestors  
drank some hot brew of  
the sat shivering and  
side of a cold winter eve-

cup of tea has always  
fascination for people.  
a Cowper called it "The  
cheers." Samuel Pepys,  
famous diary for 1660,  
"I did send for a cup of  
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had drunk before." Pre-  
y, Pepys continued to  
thereafter. Even Lewis  
of *Alice in Wonderland*  
could not resist the temp-  
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ns of tea have flowed  
h kettle spouts succe-  
he is sad to report, things  
at changed for the better  
p of tea is no longer just  
it has become a ritual. It

will hardly be an exaggeration  
to say that the cup of tea may be  
the biggest single influence in  
our lives today.

Writers drink endless cups of  
tea to marshal their thoughts,  
pessimists drown their grief in  
it. Associations are formed and  
broken over cups of tea. Noth-  
ing can take place without it  
having first been discussed  
over a cup of tea. Meetings start  
and end with cups of tea.

The proximity of the region  
to China notwithstanding, the  
blame for introducing tea to the  
region must be shouldered  
squarely by the British coloni-  
alists. It was they who 'sold'  
the habit of tea drinking in or-  
der to provide custom to the  
many tea estates in which they  
had commercial interests. The  
result is before us today.

Before lovers of tea descend  
on me like a ton of bricks, let  
me hasten to explain that I am  
not a tea-hater.

What I would advocate,  
however, is that the tea drink-  
ing habit, like all other habits,  
should be in moderation and  
not be overdone. The matter  
could, perhaps, be sorted out  
over a cup of tea.

## Mid-east seems unlikely

James Rubin  
format - days of talks in  
the Middle East

of Palestinian families who lost  
their homes in Palestine back in  
1948

## LETTERS

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### Turkey-Syria conflict

Sir: The Mid-east already has enough problems,  
but now we have the dispute between Turkey and  
Syria to make matters worse. A very dangerous  
situation is developing. Arab and Muslim leaders  
realize the dangers, not just for the two countries  
concerned, but for the whole region as conflict  
can very easily spread. Egyptian President Hosni  
Mubarak has already been on a mediation mis-  
sion to Ankara and Damascus, and now his for-  
eign minister is following in his footsteps.

The situation is made all the more dangerous  
because of the role of Israel with whom Turkey  
has an alliance. The Arabs are distressed that  
Turkey, a Muslim country, should be allied with  
their traditional enemy. There are already enough  
problems with Israel in the Mid-east but these  
have been made worse with the appointment of  
Ariel Sharon, the man responsible for the mass-  
acre of Palestinians in Lebanon, as the foreign  
minister of Israel. That appointment seems to  
mean the end of the peace process. Things were  
bad enough without the current problem between  
Israel and Turkey.

Mahmud Ibrahim Filali  
Jeddah

### Sinhalese responsibility

Sir: This is a response to J.M. Ismail's letter that  
appeared in the *Saudi Gazette* of October 10.

Mr Ismail has sought to link the success of the  
Tamils in the past, to their greater success in  
converting to Christianity, when compared to their  
Sinhalese compatriots, during colonial rule.  
Christian missionary schools were built in almost  
all the major cities and towns in the island -  
north, south, east, west and the center. Both the  
Sinhalese (Christians and Buddhists) and the  
Tamils (Hindus, Christians and Muslims) bene-  
fited from the modern education imparted by  
these schools and the discipline that accompanied  
it. The high literacy rate Sri Lanka has had since  
before independence could not have been  
achieved without these schools. Both the Sin-  
halese Buddhists and the Tamil Hindus converted to  
Christianity for a variety of reasons both lofty and  
mercenary, in equal proportions. The only region  
in Sri Lanka to escape the pressure for large scale  
conversion to Christianity was the area covered  
by the Kandyan Kingdom. This was because this  
area was spared Portuguese and Dutch rule and  
had a much shorter period of British rule.

The educational facilities in Jaffna were quan-  
titatively not different from those available in  
other large cities such as Colombo, Kandy or  
Galle. Tamil areas other than Jaffna suffered  
from a lack of educational facilities as much as  
the smaller towns and villages in the Sinhala  
areas. The Tamils in the Jaffna peninsula were liv-  
ing in a relatively arid part of the country which  
had minimal natural resources, no industry, as  
such to speak of and was densely populated.  
There was also tradition of learning among the

nongovernmental Sinhalese commission has de-  
manded that "it should be reiterated that Sri Lan-  
ka is and always has been a unitary state (in the  
strict legal sense) and take steps to see that it re-  
mains so for all time." In the face of such de-  
mands from powerful Sinhalese lobby groups, it  
would not be surprising if a separate state for the  
Tamils becomes a reality some time in the future.  
The Sinhala political elite have always sought a  
façadeously equate federalism with separatism.  
This would ultimately be the undoing of Sri  
Lanka as we know it now.

As to Mr Ismail's accusation that I have con-  
tradicted myself on the question of violence, I  
wish to point out that the said letter refers to  
events that preceded Tamil militancy - a period  
when there was very little if any policy of war.  
I do not, however, condone a political equilib-  
rium based on total fear of violence between the Sin-  
halese and the Tamils in Sri Lanka. Sinhalese, as  
the majority people in Sri Lanka with ultimate  
political power exclusively reposed in the hands  
of their elected representatives, have a moral re-  
sponsibility to see that justice prevails in Sri  
Lanka with regard to its minorities. The fate of  
Sri Lanka is ultimately in the hands of the Sin-  
halese people.

Dr N. Rajasingham  
Al-Khobar

### Return to communism

Sir: Tariq Ghazi in his column "Crises Cripple  
Capitalism" presented an interesting comparison  
of capitalism and communism. However, he  
failed to mention the shortcomings of capitalism.  
Communism and socialism came into existence  
because of the shortcomings of capitalism. Com-  
munism took birth in the early 20th century and  
met its death at the end of the 20th century. The  
collapse of communism was not because it lacked  
originality as the author states, but it was because  
the very people who introduced communism later  
exploited it in order to gain personal advantages.

It is correct that capitalism did not emerge  
from any ideology. The conflicts between capi-  
talists and the poor, and the suppression of the  
labor class at the hands of capitalists made the  
lives of people in that class very miserable. Trade  
unions and strikes for the legal rights of labor  
took their shape because of the atrocities perpe-  
trated by the capitalists.

Islam is the only religion which prohibits such  
oppression. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said that  
wages of the poor should be paid before their  
sweat dries. Islam has presented a way of life  
where all are equal. The concept of socialism is  
also taken from Islam.

The author asks, "Is the world returning to a  
controlled communism?" Yes, it is. If we care  
fully observe the political situation in Europe we  
will perceive the answer. The victory of Joseph  
France Tony Blair in Britain and the latest vic-  
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to cross into Israel to earn the money  
have any effect? Did they fill the  
empty standards and enable the Pa-  
lestinians to maintain their dignity?  
Toward the end of my article, "Is  
There Any Hope?", in which I argued  
that President Arafat was in a unen-  
viable situation, I wrote "He is  
threatened by his enemies, criticized  
by his supporters and accused by his  
neighbors. He is asked to make con-  
cessions when he has nothing to give.  
If he accepts what he is given, they  
say he has abandoned the cause. If he  
rejects it, they say he should  
take what he can get but demand  
more."

The critics do not provide any  
tools which Arafat can use. He needs  
something concrete, a high level  
moral and human expression. He  
needs tools that can be translated into  
action. Talk is easy but action is dif-  
ficult. Again it is a question of power.  
The weak resister, the one with-  
ing else. A stronger party has no al-  
ternative but to submit while it seeks  
to acquire power.

The third event I want to discuss is  
of a different nature. It is the August  
20 American attack on a factory be-  
longing to a Syrian state just be-  
cause of suspicion that the factory  
was manufacturing substances that  
could be used in chemical warfare.  
But can mere suspicion justify the  
violation of a state's sovereignty?  
Did this factory play any part in the  
bombing of the US embassies in  
Nairobi and Dar es Salaam?

No one finds terrorism acceptable.  
It is forbidden by all Divine Revela-  
tions as also by human law. At the  
same time no one can countenance  
unjust and tyrannical actions carried  
out on the grounds of suspicion. The  
issue of power is announced. We  
speak of the "important terrorist  
bases in Afghanistan and at chemical  
factories in Sudan." If the first part of  
this statement may be accepted with  
reservations, is the second part ac-  
ceptable on any ground whatsoever?  
Were those two countries not cov-  
ered by the UN charter? Did they not  
have sovereignty and were they not  
united in a league? Was it not enough  
that Sudan was already suffering up-  
per and lower crises?

Again it was a question of power  
and nothing but power. There were  
strong reactions to the American ac-  
tion. It was denounced and deepened  
crossly charged and denunciated.  
Thapalal pressures were brought, am-  
bassadors were recalled, and there  
was a call for an African summit.  
There was also talk of sending a  
fact-finding committee to ascertain  
just what was being produced by the  
factory and there were demands for  
compensation. When the US did not  
respond to any of this, Sudan simply  
asked it to admit its mistake. In fact,  
Sudan was powerless to do anything  
else. It did not have the means to

make an effective response and had  
no powerful backer. Even if it did  
have a strong ally, there would only  
have been statements of support and  
sympathy, and expressions of sym-  
pathy. If Sudan had had an ally with  
the power to retaliate against the US  
and threaten its interests, others re-  
sponding to terrorism, the attitude of  
the US would have been very differ-  
ent and it would not have behaved in  
this way. It did. However, in the  
present situation, the propaganda  
of power prevailed and the weak  
party had to submit while it desper-  
ately sought help.

The fourth event is related to the  
nuclear explosions in India and Pa-  
kistan. It is somewhat different from  
the others. One country suddenly in-  
quired power and behaved in an ar-  
rogant and threatening way. This  
continued until it had acquired  
power equal to it. The first country,  
India, then moderated its manner  
became less threatening and request-  
ed dialogue with Pakistan. This il-  
lustrates the fact that a balance of  
power through the possession of  
conventional or nuclear weapons  
makes for peace. I discussed this  
matter in a previous article entitled  
"A Place for the Weak." I now want  
to look at the matter as an example of  
the use of power and to see the ad-  
vantage of a balance of power.

On May 1, when India conducted  
five nuclear tests, it felt proud and  
superior. It brought its sword Pak-  
istan to the negotiating table for dis-  
cussions. These were to be without  
prejudice. On India's side, it was  
said that the Kashmir problem must not  
be raised even though that was the  
main issue between them. India also  
threatened to occupy the part of  
Kashmir being administered by Pak-  
istan and said that, from then on-  
wards, it would not tolerate any in-  
terference from Pakistan in Kashmir.  
India also made many statements  
warning Pakistan to stop its anti-  
Indian policy. It said that if Pakistan  
did not submit to Indian wishes, India  
would take firm action. India clearly  
felt that the balance of power had  
tilted in its favor. Power speaks, es-  
pecially if it is nuclear power.

This was the situation until May  
26, when the news of Pakistan's suc-  
cessful nuclear tests was announced.  
Then India suddenly changed its tune  
and made conciliatory statements. It  
announced that it had no hostile in-  
tentions toward Pakistan and that it  
was ready for dialogue. Their meet-  
ing July wasted one of the important is-  
sues, including Kashmir, were dis-  
cussed. This illustrates how a balance  
of nuclear deterrence can promote  
peace. In her latest statements, India  
and Pakistan have emphasized their  
commitment to reducing the danger  
of conflict between them and in  
solving all outstanding problems, in-  
cluding that of Jammu and Kashmir,  
peacefully. In this case there was no  
injured party, no submission of one  
side to the other. While both coun-  
tries have equal power, they will lis-  
ten to each other and heed the views  
of the other side.

What can we come up with from these  
four examples of the use of power?

The matter is self-evident. Power  
has to exist in the world but a balance  
is needed. The power in question is  
the military and economic power on  
which political power rests. As  
Frederick the Great said, politics  
without power is like music without  
instruments. And an economy with-  
out powerful support will always be  
vulnerable. It will need others to  
protect it.

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party had to submit while it desper-  
ately sought help.

Muhammad Fahrem  
Jeddah

## Indian schools

Sir— This is in reference to the letter of the In-  
dian ambassador which happened to be in part of  
of the International Indian Schools in the King-  
dom. The ambassador formulated the idea of  
changing one third of the members of the man-  
aging committee annually, replacing them with  
new faces and appointing a new chairman.

It is to be noted that the present committee  
members are not much interested in improving  
the school's educational system, instead they  
have their own personal agenda and selfish mo-  
tives.

The new committee should be composed of a  
pair of experts representing the parents.  
Necessary measures should be taken now to  
save the schools from the hands of a selfish, un-  
skilled and dishonest people.

The standard of education in the International  
Indian School in Riyadh is very poor. Gen-  
eration should be paid to the matter. The school  
badly needs an overhauling, as it has been runned  
in the last two years.

Abdul Wahed  
Riyadh

## India's team deserved defeat

Sir— South Africa, the Commonwealth cham-  
pions, feverishly claimed the Mimi World  
Cricket Cup by beating the formidable West In-  
dies in the finals. A hint of weariness seems to  
have beset the West Indies team in this match—  
perhaps, because it had to play in the finals the  
very next day it played in the semi-finals.

The Indian team, on the other hand, suffered  
for the Mimi-World Cricket Cup after being de-  
feated by the West Indies in the semi-finals.

Whether one enjoyed these matches or not, the  
fast jubilation in the jam-packed stadium was  
worth enjoying.

It is the Sri Lankan team that first taught the  
cricketing world that cricket must be played on a  
ball to ball basis. The trend of scoring runs has  
evolved to become fast paced right from the first  
ball. Almost all the teams have, more or less,  
succeeded in adapting themselves to such a  
playing style.

However, India's pathetic scoring rate of 130  
3 in the beginning, while playing the semi-final  
match against the West Indies, is disappointing.

In a one-day cricket match, the pace of scoring  
runs must be maintained so as to match the re-  
quired run rate, regardless of losing the wickets.

Moreover, unless the team is extremely good  
in fielding, which becomes a distinct possibil-  
ity. Sloppy fielding, the missed catches and the  
uninspired chase of the ball displayed by the In-  
dian team, no doubt, enabled the West Indies  
team to win the semi-final match easily.

Brian Lara, the captain of the West Indies  
cricket team, proved to be a responsible captain  
when he played in a calm and composed manner.

The most important thing he revealed as a  
sportsman is that he was more motivated to beat  
the Indian team than to beat Sachin Tendulkar of  
India—another cricket giant, who is often por-  
trayed as Lara's competitor by the press and fans  
alike.

K. Kamalakarn  
Riyadh

## Not the final step

Sir— It is not yet the final step in getting a  
Mid-east peace agreement. There are still many  
obstacles to overcome. Movement in the right  
direction towards peace require the correct un-  
derstanding of both sides to the conflict.

This is not the first time that an agreement has  
been reached between the Arabs and Israel.  
However, it is not that easy to get Israel to give  
up what it has usurped by force from the Arabs.

The Israelis will not voluntarily withdraw from  
the Arab territories they occupied by force. Con-  
sequently, the Palestinians will not regain their  
rights until the Israelis are forced to comply with  
this new agreement, as well as with all UN Se-  
curity Council resolutions.

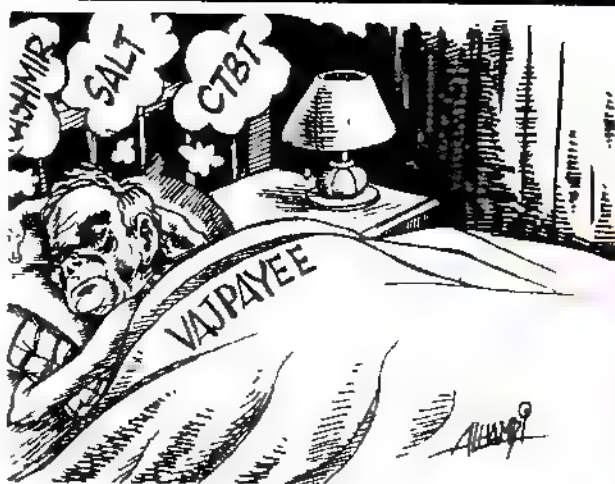
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misinterpreting the nature of the harem says that the General not adopt resolutions that "preempt ks", including any on Palestinian o says that "anachronistic and ms recycled and readopted by the y year after year", which in his view present realities and

Nasser Al-Kidwa, the chief Palestinian observer at the UN, has tried to draw the world's attention to what Israel is seeking to do. He said "It is unfortunate that the Israeli side has chosen to present a flawed interpretation of the Wye River Memorandum". Israel is insisting that a Palestinian security plan is the condition for the implementation of the Wye deal. This is an incorrect interpretation of the agreement.

The Wye deal is just a small part of settlement that has to be ironed out b and the Palestinians. If Israel manage agreement - as it did the Oslo Accord will be able to guarantee peace, which ardently desire, or security, which Isra seeks



## n India's civil nts play politics

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### Between the Lines

BY KULDEEP NAYAR



to one party see to it that even the routine work of the opposition party is blocked.

The worst aspect is that even the topmost secrets are conveyed to respective political parties. Some ministers confess that they do not express their views frankly in Cabinet meetings because the officers are present.

This is a serious matter, which all political parties must ponder over. There may be a small gain. But the nation's loss is enormous because no officer feels accountable. He or she gets away with everything because of protection by political parties. This is reprehensible and all parties are blameworthy.

I do not think that a country, which eats, drinks and sleeps politics, can now turn back and agree upon keeping certain fields like administration out of politics.

When ministers use bureaucrats for political purposes, it is not surprising that the latter become dilatory and defiant. A fact that the government can do is to make such rules and delineate the working of the bureaucracy. Once the boundary is outlined, it will be easy to spot the evasion.

Jawaharlal Nehru would openly say that one of the problems he faced was "a reorganization of our administrative structure".

But what surprises one is that despite many efforts — and good intentions — the government offices continue to work in the rut and carry on old traditions which have little significance today.

An eminent expert in public administration, Paul H. Apple

case. There is nothing derogatory about a clerk giving his opinion.

But it only shows that a case is not immediately dealt with at a high level to lessen the red tape on the one hand and to enable an officer of experience and caliber to dispose of it quickly on the other.

At present, there is too much insistence on communication through formal channels, too much cross-reference, too many reviews by legal officers, too much control of details, too much primarily the conduct of programs beneficial to the nation.

Hence the importance of objects, targets, results, responsibilities and the delegation of authority.

Mobilization of men — infusing them with purpose and making them responsible for producing results — is the challenge before the country. If we are to work for a welfare state, the whole of our administrative structure has to function somewhat differently.

The essential problem is to develop a practical and realistic approach.

The very word "administration" is too narrowly conceived. There is an obsession about rules and regulations and an acute shortage of men of action.

The present rules do not permit quick vertical mobility. They should be amended to provide more opportunities for promotion at the lower level. Those who excel should be adequately rewarded.

One other way to get results is to restructure the civil services. The present system of classification of the posts into four classes or gazetted and nongazetted, should be abolished.

The services can be divided into technical and nontechnical. And those jobs, which necessitate the posting of employees to

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### Respecting the agreement

Sir — There is no meaning in getting the Wye River Plantation Memorandum signed by all the concerned parties, including the US except to make it more acceptable. Indeed President Bill Clinton and King Hussein of Jordan, which has already signed an agreement with Israel, added their political weight and prestige to the signing of the agreement.

Nevertheless, what is the point in signing an agreement that no one will implement? There should be some procedure by means of which the implementation of the agreement could be ensured, so that the summit will not have been conducted in vain.

If all sides respect the agreement they have signed, then the summit will have succeeded. Otherwise, the agreement will have been on paper only, and all the negotiations will have simply failed.

Hakim Ibrahim Filali  
Jeddah

### Liberalization by East Asia

Sir — Between now and the end of the century, East Asia is likely to contribute between a third and half of all new global trade, continuing the pattern of highly successful commercial expansion of the past decade.

However, its opportunities to secure long-term market share while giving an added boost to the world economy depend on more than just continuing to do what has worked so well in the past. A new round of region-wide economic liberalization is needed.

East Asia has more to gain from free trade and investment than any other area. It also has more to lose if the trade surpluses it has amassed, and the political sensitivities they arouse in the West, pushed industrialized nations toward any forms of import protection and discrimination.

East Asia has an unprecedented chance to be the catalyst which sparks further liberalization worldwide.

Moreover, East Asia is too important a player in international trade to remain on the sidelines as major policy initiatives are decided by the industrialized countries.

Trade imbalances between the region and those countries may well be unsustainable, economically and politically, in the medium term.

East Asia economies received nearly 3 per

cent. of global flows of foreign investment in 1992.

They have become such a force for investment that short-term investments deficits arising from more than made up by inflows.

Countries in the region reach to open up trade and strengthen of their trade and gives them a chance to do more.

A 50 percent reduction in East Asia would add an additional half the gains envisaged completed Uruguay round of negotiations.

Unilateral liberalization by itself would be beneficial, but accrue from action across the board. This does not imply the formal trading bloc.

Equally crucial such conditions Asia would depend for its liberalization among the by nations.

East Asia, and the rest of the world, most from a broad-based reduction in the region, applying states whether in East Asia or protection in East Asia when so well? The case for addition to prevent a problem before.

Action taken now would trade and investment income region's politically sensitive with the rest of the world. It market exposure and efficiency sectors of East Asia's economy.

Can the region do it? Certainly quadrupled living standards reduced the fraction of its poverty from about a third. I doubt witnessed the most dramatic where in the world. Confronted by East Asia would be a self-interest.

By benefiting the rest of the world, encourage industrialized nations an initiative by turning away and inward orientation.

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## A step ahead with fashion

FASHION is like an exclusive club. Either you are a member or not. And if you are not, it is no use trying to gain entry. Though having enough money to throw around helps, fashion is not really a function of the contents of one's wallet. One may have all the money in the world and yet grope around in the world of fashion without significant success. On the other hand, limited funds will not hamper a member of the fashion 'club' to make his distinct statement.

Fashion is ephemeral, fleeting. It has never been highly thought of by intellectuals. Said William Shakespeare in *Much*

### Offbeat

By Khalid Bin Wajid

wide, as one said, was quite distinct and discernible. In the Middle Ages, only the upper crust could afford to have their garments stitched by seamstresses according to the changing fashion. The poor just managed as best as they could.

The invention of the sewing machine created the first dent in the clothing trade. With the availability of the machine, stitched clothing spread to a wider clientele cutting across the

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however, the position of the parties has remained  
unchanged at 55:45 in favor of the Republicans.

The gains for the Democrats in the House are  
remarkable considering that the party of the  
incumbent president had not made gains in midterm  
elections since 1934. The average loss since World  
War II has been 27. This success is being interpreted  
by the Democrats as a signal from the voters that the  
impeachment process should be abandoned. This  
would greatly ease pressure on the president and  
help him to concentrate on policy management.  
Democratic eyes would then be able to focus more  
hopefully on the next presidential elections in 2000.

It now seems clear that Clinton's personal  
misconduct has not influenced the pattern of voting.  
For the electorate, there were many other issues to  
consider. Their main focus was on the nation's  
economic health. The Democrats succeeded in  
wooing the middle class, the backbone of  
democracy. This section of society always feels the  
good or bad impact of the economy before any other  
group. The middle class has generally supported the  
Republicans but there has now been a significant  
shift in its support. This group, feeling comfortable  
with the economic climate, has come to rescue the  
president regardless of what are considered to be his  
personal peccadilloes.



## casts shadow -Pak talks

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orum range to the east and by  
the Saktora Range in the west.  
India has lost over 500 sol-  
diers and more than 1,000  
wounded, since the first con-  
flict in the Himalayan Range  
occurred in 1984.

Pakistan says that it was a  
"bitter fact" that both countries  
had reached an agreement aban-  
ing their talks on Siachen in  
1989, but India immediately  
resiled from the pact. Delhi de-  
nies this charge.

The Siachen issue is a left-  
over from the India-Pakistan  
1965 war. The area is located in  
the Rana of Kutch and pertains  
to delimitation of marshlands  
on the Pakistan Sindh and Indi-  
an Gujarat state border. The  
two countries have held five  
rounds of discussions since  
1992.

India plans to present Paki-  
stan with "concrete evidence"  
of Islamabad's involvement in  
acts of terrorism in the country  
during the talks.

A newspaper report said last  
week that over 34,000 Indians  
including 5,101 soldiers were  
killed during the last 14 years in  
Pakistan-sponsored terrorism,  
mainly by its Inter-Services In-  
telligence (ISI) - DPA

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### A different yanetick

Sir - It is very strange that the United States of  
America will do its best to enforce UN sanctions  
only on countries which oppose its hegemony.

All the countries that used to befriend the  
USSR in the past, became instant enemies of the  
US. When the USSR disintegrated, the Eastern  
block countries found themselves lost. With only  
one superpower dominating the world, these  
countries had to adapt to its system, or face hard  
times.

The Iraqi people have suffered long enough  
from the UN-imposed sanctions. Moreover, Iraq  
announced that it will no longer cooperate with  
UN inspectors because some of them are spies.

Hadi Ibrahim Filali  
Jeddah

### 'Islamophobia' in American media

Sir - Allah, the Qur'an, Prophet Muhammad  
(pbuh), Islam and the Muslims are victims and  
targets of the Zionist propaganda today. From  
gambling to football, shoes to cinema, the Inter-  
net to electronic media - everywhere we are be-  
ing abused and harassed by Zionist propaganda  
and indoctrination.

According to the Council for American Islam-  
ic Relations (CAIR), a US Jewish newspaper  
published a letter to the editor in its January 6  
edition that called Muslims "animals" and hinted  
that Islam should cease to exist.

The writer first commented favorably on anti-  
Muslim comments by Christian Coalition  
founder Pat Robertson. (According to transcripts  
of the October 27 Christian Broadcasting Net-  
work "700 Club" program, Robertson said: "To  
see Americans become followers of Islam is  
nothing short of insanity.") He then berated  
the honor of Prophet Ibrahim (pbuh) in a vile  
way.

In response to a complaint by CAIR, the Mi-  
ami-based newspaper's editor issued an apology  
under the headline, "An apology to our Islamic  
brothers." The apology read, "In Jewish Journal  
editorials for the week of January 6, a letter to the  
editor quoted religious broadcaster Pat Robertson  
who made a slur against adherents of Islam. The  
writer then repeated the slur himself in the body  
of the letter."

"Although neither the Robertson quote nor the  
letter writer's statement reflected the views of our  
publications, we realize upon reflection that the  
harsh statements went beyond the limits of civil-  
ized discourse."

"The letter should not have been published."

"The Jewish Journal recognizes the great con-  
tributions America's Islam (sic) adherents have  
made to the country as a whole, and we further  
acknowledge Islam's place in history as a major  
world religion. We apologize if the letter to the  
Editor gave offense to any party."

CAIR board member Dr. Muzeeb Cheema  
pointed out that "Islamophobia" is now at epi-  
demic levels in the West. The only cure for this  
disease is education about Islam coupled with  
social and political activism on the part of  
American Muslims.

Md Abdul Malik  
Riyadh

### Riyadh, city of mosques

Sir - If Cairo can boast with having one thousand  
minarets, come to Riyadh. This great city has  
double or even quadruple the number that Cairo  
has.

The mosques vary from modern structures of  
immense beauty to simple mud edifices devoid  
of any decoration, such as the ones found in Ba-  
tha near the impressive Queen's Building, which  
are hardly accessible except through narrow,  
twisted lanes.

Some old mosques might have been removed  
due to renovations, but many more remained in-  
tact for their historical landmarks.

The body that decides which mosques should  
be removed and which ones should be left intact  
is the Higher Council for Development of Ri-  
yadh.

One of the most beautiful mosques ever to be  
built over the last decade is the King Khaled  
Mosque in Ummul Hamam.

The mosque with its white-washed walls and  
beautiful domes and minarets as well as its mul-  
ti-colored stained glass windows, resemble Al  
Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem.

Hundreds of mosques have undergone com-  
plete renovation, so much so that Riyadh could  
be nicknamed the "city of mosques."

Soon after the muezzins echo their Adhan  
through their microphones, hundreds of people  
make their way to the nearest mosque. This sight  
itself is a wonderful sight to behold.

Vehicles with loudspeakers spur people to go  
to the mosque, including shopkeepers. And during  
the prayer times a silence descends on the city,  
reflecting a sense of religious piety.

Saeed A. Siraj  
Al-Khary



## Tradition of ailing leaders

By Patrick Wernip

IF President Boris Yeltsin  
looks sick and at times incoher-  
ent, it's *deja vu* all over again  
for Russians who remember the  
late Soviet ruler Leonid Brezh-  
nev two decades ago.

For the last quarter of a cen-

begin in 1973 when a nurse  
began overdosing him with  
sedatives and sleeping pills,  
damaging his central nervous  
system and causing the slurred  
speech which was his main  
outward symptom.

One of his aides, Georgy Ar-  
buzov, has said that from 1976  
Brezhnev was unable to take so

"In that sense, now we have  
a much more dangerous type of  
leadership," she said.

The Soviet system allowed  
no way for leaders to retire  
gracefully. Like monarchs or  
popes, they either died in office  
like Lenin, Stalin, Brezhnev  
and others, or were ousted in



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However, the missiles would still be at the disposal of the Greek-Cypriots. This is a policy fraught with danger in the most volatile region of the world.

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**Khwaja Rasheeduddin Fareed  
Jeddah**

Some people call themselves Indian-born European nationals, due to their precarious past. It is a historical fact that when the British were evacuated from India, those who followed were only

An IFA member (name withheld)  
Jeddah

I also want to suggest that the moral lessons learnt from this holy month will make the youth think twice before indulging in mail crawling, just "hanging out" in wrong places. I want to suggest they get involved in their mosque activities and join youth organizations, such as the Boys Scouts where they will learn not only many excellent qualities but mix with a caliber of young Muslims who can only be a benefit to them and their nation.

**Mashkan Borzjan Fkhalf  
Jeddah**

O Mankind! Pure in birth,  
Why revel so in doom and death?  
Though in peace you could survive  
Away from it you always drive.  
To seek for power indeed is evil  
And to use it ill you serve the devil.  
Lording it always over others  
Never trying to serve your brothers  
Hence, man, needs itself again.

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ger a chain of events that might  
well lead to Saddam's support  
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...country's huge oil deposits being in the Niger delta.  
...The north remained backward, with a less developed  
...educational system, during the colonial period, but it  
...has made progress in all fields since then. Making up

...lance. It is important for the representatives to remain  
...in contact with the electors and to be subject to their  
...scrutiny. Mutual trust must develop bringing good  
...government to all the people. This opportunity has  
...now, at last, opened up for Nigeria



## More sincere in leader

by Nasser Al-Farhan



...are no one approves  
...innovation which is a  
...and futile method.  
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...in order to show  
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...of passivity. I just  
...illustrate the differ-  
...and dedication in  
...the ordinary Kurd and  
...of the Kurdish cause  
...edly, the leader has  
...many daring acts  
...d his own life. Yet the

...difference between him and an  
...ordinary Kurd is self-evident.

...The leader may have aspired  
...for some personal gain, while  
...the ordinary Kurd was striving  
...for the common good. The  
...leader sought his own interests  
...out of necessity, but the ordi-  
...nary Kurd did what he did for  
...the common cause.

...We presume that those who  
...burned themselves were angry  
...at the attitude of others toward  
...the cause. Yet if we hypothe-  
...size that they burned them-  
...selves in protest against what  
...befell their leader Ocalan who  
...was more worried about his  
...own indigestion, the matter be-  
...comes even more perplexing  
...and thrilling.

...I don't want to give the  
...impression that I belittle the  
...sacrifices and selflessness of  
...leaders.

...Far from it, I just wanted to  
...show that ordinary people also  
...have a large potential for sacri-  
...fice. This potential may erupt at  
...times because of high pressure  
...and ignorance of how to control  
...it or use it. The problem, how-  
...ever, is that the simple-minded  
...ordinary individual doesn't  
...know how to climb up the po-  
...litical ladder. This is man's  
...major problem.

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### A visit in vain

Sir—Indian Premier Vajpayee's highly publicized "bus diplomacy" cannot melt a single drop of ice. Though he was very warmly welcomed in Pakistan, it is a fact that Nawaz Sharif had to receive him in order to honor the undertakings he had made in the *Indian Express*.

No one can imagine that Pakistan would come forward to be a good friend. There have been so many meetings between prime ministers in the past and so many proposals to improve relations all to no avail.

India has been inclined to fulfil its promises but Pakistan's responses have been very cold. For example, it is very easy for Pakistanis to obtain an Indian visa from any Indian embassy in the world.

But for Indians to get a Pakistani visa is an unbelievable dream.

Vajpayee's visit was politically motivated at the national level because the BJP's image had been badly damaged by the policy of some of its sister organizations toward minorities and it was seeking to repair this damage.

There is nothing new in the Lahore Declaration. It is just repeating platitudes.

Pakistan will continue to fuel Kashmir activists. To Pakistani leaders, Kashmir is a hot issue they would like to improve their political strength by cultivating Kashmiri sentiment.

A ready Pakistan has declared that its stand on Kashmir will not be changed. In its editorial the *Uroa News* has quoted the Pakistani foreign minister as saying: "When the enemy is visiting us, even he should not be stopped." This is a slap in the face of "bus diplomacy".

It indicates that Pakistan is not interested in improving relations and that the bus trip was no more than a mere photo opportunity.

A. Salam  
Tabuk

### Help the Kosovars

Sir—The conflict between the Serbs and the Kosovars in Yugoslavia is, at the moment, the greatest crisis confronting the world.

However, this is not something that has arisen overnight. The ethnic Albanians, or Kosovars, have always felt out of place in Yugoslavia and, since other peoples split off from that state following the demise of communism in Eastern Europe, it was clear that the Kosovars would be wanting their own independence.

If Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia could acquire their freedom, why not Kosovo?

The Kosovars will never be able to defeat the powerful Serb army so the only hope for a solution to the problem is if the U.S., as part of NATO, bombs the Serbs.

Most of the people of Kosovo are Muslims. This is yet another example of Muslims being in a weak position and suffering as a result. It is the Palestinian situation all over again, but in a different geographical setting.

It is very difficult for Muslims to get justice in this world.

We must make every effort to see that, whether as Arabs or Kosovars, Muslims secure their rights as human beings.

Until this happens there can be no peace in the

world. But once it is achieved there will be harmony between nations and religions, and mankind will be able to march happily into the 21st century.

As a first step, the Kosovars must be helped against their Serb oppressors.

Hashem Ibrahim Fiala  
Jeddah

### Looming disaster

Sir—The situation in Kosovo is getting worse with the passing of every day. The Yugoslav government, supported by Russia and some NATO countries, does not respect any international obligations and is in no mood to grant autonomy to ethnic Albanians.

Its recent action of building up the international military at the border and its large military build-up are clear indications of the Yugoslav government's intention to suppress the ethnic Albanians.

A big military operation seems to be on the cards. Though there were negotiations in France, the period of grace given has allowed the Yugoslav government time to strengthen its forces.

It is right that the conflicting positions within the Contact Group and the decision of NATO have encouraged the Serbs to prepare for an onslaught on the Kosovars.

The present situation is due to the naivety of NATO and other groups. They know very well the intentions of Milosevic, whose many occasions has demonstrated his brutality. Even now, when the huge military build-up is reported, the various countries are only issuing statements. The Kosovars' decision to form a provisional government led by the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) arises from desperation and it shows the irresponsible behavior of the Contact Group countries.

NATO's reluctance to act upon its verbal threat to Yugoslavia is an important factor in the situation. Many deadlines have been given to Yugoslavia but to no avail.

The *European Community* in its editorial that so long as the West prevails, Belgrade is prepared to pursue its genocidal policies.

This is the adverse criticism will not worry. The Serbs know well the hollow words of the NATO threats. It is also correct that NATO's activity is weakening the position of moderate Kosovars. This will further complicate the situation. The KLA is a force which cannot be ignored.

Circumstances are taking the Serbs and Kosovars to the brink of an all-out war which will have dangerous consequences for Europe.

Therefore, Europe should wake up and stop the onslaught.

As Tony Blair said in a recent article published in the *Guardian*, peace in Kosovo requires a long-lasting political solution acceptable to both sides.

But it is Milosevic who is not at all interested in peace.

If the Kosovo problem explodes, this will be disastrous for Europe.

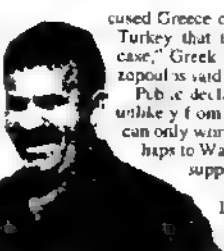
M. Maqdoom Mohiuddin  
Khamis Mushayt

## Relations with Europe depend on Ocalan's trial

...we can give signals that we may engage  
...in armed conflict with Greece."

A broader anti-Western mood, as yet unseen, could have an impact on April elections where secularist parties face a strong challenge from the Islam-based. It could also strengthen the currently weak nationalist parties.

Government sources said Turkey was pressing for closure of three Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) camps on Greek territory. It also wanted the arrest of PKK acti-



...cused Greece of behaving as a "rogue." "It is  
...Turkey that is being judged in the Ocalan  
...case," Greek Defense Minister Akis Tsohatzopoulos said.

Public declarations of contention, then, are unlike anything before the trial. Turkey can only work on that premise, looking perhaps to Washington rather than Europe for support.

There is no strong Turkish lobby to match the Greek in Washington, but the United States has been outspoken in

...said. "Or perhaps we have not been able to portray  
...the matter properly. It is all of the factors  
...putting together, no just one."

Turkey must learn the art quickly, before Ocalan is tried over the death of some 29,000 people killed in the war between the separatist PKK and Turkish security forces.

Ankara refused to allow official foreign observers, arguing this would undermine the independence of its judiciary. But since the trial will be open, an unequivocally impartial is essential both to quell the south-eastern conflict and quieten foreign critics, Greece in the fore-



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months. Saudi Arabia is not only strengthening its  
bilateral relations with others but also aims at  
cementing Arab solidarity and winning more outside  
support for all Arab and Islamic causes. In view of this  
policy, the UAE criticism is unjustified and  
unreasonable.

In fact, closer Saudi-Arabian relations are in the  
best interests of the region as well as of Arabs and  
Muslims in general. These ties will be helpful for the  
UAE rather than damaging to its interests. When  
Saudi Arabia has strong relations with Tehran, it will  
be in a better position to help settle disputes and  
coordinate the policies of the regional countries.

Prince Sultan said it was strange that anyone could

based on strong religious faith and Pan-Arabism,  
it never wavers in its position toward Arab nations  
particularly the Gulf Cooperation Council and the  
UAE.

It is well known that Saudi policy is based on firm  
principles of justice and peace. The Kingdom has  
been a firm advocate of political stability in the Gu  
region and in other parts of the world as this enab  
nations to make economic progress and ensure a  
better standard of living for the people.

While differences of opinion are normal, even  
between the best of friends, the most appropriate  
to resolve them is through mutual contacts and  
dialogue. The UAE should revert to this convention  
the GCC.



in Beirut

## I is 'old'?

By Khalid Bin Wakil

### Offbeat

ne" or "advanced in age,  
ger young." Some help  
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ry does tell one, though,  
f happens to be a rather  
word in so far as Engli  
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ck," through "old be-  
ne's years" and "old  
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This brings us to the very  
pertinent question how does  
one discern items that deserve  
the appellation "antiques", rather  
than merely "old" or "an-  
cient"? For a definition, what  
is "antique" describes an object,  
which has survived from the  
past and is, therefore, valuable  
today. This definition is hardly  
precise, because one sees  
around oneself several objects  
that have regrettably survived  
from the past but can only be  
classed as "junk". Such objects  
have found their way into several  
so-called "antique shops" where  
unscrupulous dealers use them to  
make a pretty penny out of gull-  
ible antique hunters. In order, to be  
considered an antique, there-  
fore, an object should be not  
only old but also appealing to  
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of the century when the new generation will look  
back and evaluate what has been done by individ-  
uals and groups. They will try to correct our mis-  
takes, and that is the way it should be. But while  
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to try to make the next millennium better than the  
last.

Hashim Ibrahim Hashim  
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### Conflict of loyalties

Sir - I would first like to refer to the World Cup  
Cricket Tournament at present in progress in  
England. When England and India were playing  
their last league match to decide which of them  
would enter the Super Six stage of the competi-  
tion, the stadium was jam packed with British na-  
tionals of Indian origin. They were chanting in  
favor of India and were overjoyed when India  
won. However, many British politicians and other  
people objected to the behavior of the British In-  
dian spectators, contending that, since they were  
now British nationals, they should have supported  
the British team. Both were right in this case. The  
British politicians were right that the crowd  
should have supported the British team and the  
British Indian crowd was right since they were  
Indian born and gave their roots in India.

The same principle can be applied in the case  
of Sonia Gandhi who is the present leader of the  
Indian Congress party and might become premier  
if the party wins the upcoming general election.  
When she withdrew her resignation as Congress  
leader, she declared that she was not in the race for  
premier, but it is asked for granted that she will be  
the premier if Congress wins. Sonia is an Italian  
born woman.

She married Rajiv Gandhi and acquired Indian  
nationality almost 14 years after the marriage.  
Certainly, she is now an Indian and a member of  
the celebrated Nehru dynasty which ruled come-  
ra in India for more than forty years. No doubt  
she is attached to India and has adopted its culture  
but she still has Italian blood in her body. She has  
her roots in Italy and, of course, this cannot be  
changed. She will retain her loyalty to Italy and  
there should be no surprise if, in the future, she  
gives preference to Italian interests.

India has now opened its market to foreign in-  
vestors and many multinational corporations have  
come in. In view of this, it is likely that Sonia  
would give preference to Italian firms and ease the  
way for Italian multinational corporations. Even  
in the time of Rajiv, a contract for Delhi water  
sewage was awarded to an Italian firm. The noto-  
rious Italian businessman Quattrocchi made his  
way in India and became a close friend of Rajiv  
and Sonia.

He was involved in a scam but, before the court  
could issue a warrant, he fled the country. Rajiv  
had realized the motives of Quattrocchi and  
threw him out of his home. But after Rajiv's mur-  
der, he once again became a close to Sonia, though  
he is now living in Malaysia. And this was only  
one Italian. What Sonas might do after becoming  
premier is a matter of great concern. Naturally, all  
her sympathies will be with the Italian firms.

It should be noted that the colonial powers en-  
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time, they were exporting different commodities.

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session, their reservations should have been  
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and then her supporters demonstrated, resign  
and even burned themselves to death. All the  
things made Sonia withdraw her resignation. A  
now she is back with no body to challenge. I  
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The people who claim that the Nehru dynas-  
ty is destined to rule are wrong. It is an insult to  
be Indians and to the principle of democracy.  
Is there not a single person of Indian origin  
India with the ability to rule? This means that  
even after half a century, we cannot give up our  
slavish mentality. Now we are entering the 21  
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### Toys for tots

Sir - It is easy for Pakistan's ambassador to the  
US to make irresponsible statements about his  
country's willingness to use any type of weapon,  
even nuclear, in a war against India. After all, the  
ambassador is safely out of the war zone. The  
sufferers will be the common people on both  
sides who have nothing to do with the present  
crisis. I doubt whether those who are always  
flexing their nuclear muscles even care for their  
own people. They must realize that any nuclear  
attack would guarantee a nuclear response from  
India. The ignorance behind the ambassador's  
absurd statement is apparent.

I really do not understand why Pakistan, which  
boasts every now and then that it is quite capable  
of teaching a lesson to India, has to opt for this  
nuclear threat. Now that they have become a nu-  
clear power, Pakistan is acting like a toddler with  
a toy in its hand.

Thomas P. Andrade  
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### Beyond the wickets

Sir - American Anne Aghos fought back from  
two sets down to beat Indian Anuresh Medve-  
dev in the French Open, becoming only the fifth  
man in history to win all four Grand Slam titles.  
It had been done by four other men - Donald  
Budge, Fred Perry, Roy Emerson and Rod Laver.  
But the feat is even more impressive when we  
examine a list of those who have not achieved  
this feat - John Newcombe, Ken Rosewall, Bjorn  
Borg, Stefan Edberg, Jimmy Connors, John  
McEnroe, Ivan Lendl and Pete Sampras. Con-  
gratulations, Andre.

Another record was set by Steffi Graf, winning  
the women's title for her sixth time. Now she has  
twenty-two Grand Slam victories.

But perhaps the most impressive win was that  
of men's doubles champions Leander Paes and  
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Things became clear when she went to meet the president all by herself to put the Congress claim to form the government after the fall of the BJP-led coalition. She was the candidate. Arjun Singh was selling her as prime minister. The canvassing with the non-BJP parties left no one in doubt.

# LETTERS

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## Trust yourself

Sir - There is a new form of recreation that is taking the world by storm. It seems that when people have a little too much energy, nothing to do, perhaps some pent up frustration, they get together in a gang and attack their local US embassy. In the past couple of months we have seen the people of Yugoslavia, China and now, the Philippines attacking US embassies, prompting little response from the host governments.

I realize that the people who are protesting have legitimate reasons for being angry, but there are better ways to express their frustration. Their anger is misdirected, and it seems that that is the way their governments want it. The people in Belgrade, Beijing and Manila can look to the West, and blame the US for their problems or they can look at themselves and their leaders. Well, nobody likes to look at themselves, and the leaders of those countries surely don't want the people looking at them. They couldn't stand up to the scrutiny.

What could be better than to suggest there is some hidden power, more powerful than the local, visible government, pulling all our strings. But I wonder why people are drawn in by conspiracy theories that seem to be funning wild throughout the world. Belgrade tells its people that the Kosovo refugees they see on television are actors, paid six dollars a day by NATO to walk back and forth, in and out of Kosovo. A writer to this column suggests that the war in Yugoslavia was manufactured by a secret movement in the West that wants a Muslim free Europe. These ideas are crazy, but people want to believe them. Why?

If there is something wrong with your life, don't look to the government for a solution. If there is something wrong with your country, get to work to make it better. Stop making a scapegoat of the US and take control of your life.

Chris Newman  
Jeddah

## Mind your own business

Sir - In A Salam's letter, "Dream on" (*Saudi Gazette*, May 20), he suggests I use twisted logic, but I doubt he even understands what "logic" means. I had pointed out that India annexed Kashmir against the wishes of Kashmir. I provided solid proof but it was ignored because Indians do not understand that it is only by holding a plebiscite that the people's will is expressed.

Compelling voters at gunpoint is not true democracy. But sensible logic cannot convince cynics like Salam and others like him who consider the Hindu ruler of Kashmir as impeccable, and the rulers of Hyderabad and Junagadh as leaders who can be ignored. Such a double standard cannot be defended.

There are some who are happy to have seen atrocities inflicted upon Muslims and Dalits during the last 52 years. Indeed, the wonderful record of human rights violations in India may be a source of pleasure and pride for Indians. But how can they justify poking their noses into the internal affairs of Pakistan? Pakistan has never interfered with the internal affairs of India, but the activities of RAW in Pakistan are an open secret.

Indians should stop worrying about P and its problems. Instead, they should worry about ever-increasing poverty, communal caste discrimination and the survival of national identity of Indian Muslims. In part they should worry about the suffering of mini Muslims, and not keep talking about jirs and Biharis.

Imran M  
J

## Paying the price

Sir - Yesterday, Arjun Singh spoke about a plan to assassinate former Congress president Sonia Gandhi. In a veiled statement, he pointed the finger at the RSS.

In order to defeat the RSS, the RSS must be given power. Once in power they will ruin institutions, educational syllabi, and the legal and executive machinery. But then, must be must be. A minority cannot prevent catastrophe if the majority insists on having it. The fact of the matter is that Hindutva is a rise amongst Hindus. They want to lord over Muslims. The relationship between Hindu Muslims in India today is that of victor and quished.

The RSS can do its utmost to hurt Muslim Islam in India, but in the bargain it will do irreparable damage to India itself. Perhaps the RSS is intoxicated by hate that it does not mind paying such a high price.

Khwaja Rasheeduddin Fa  
Jed

## Might not right

Sir - The world is in a terrible state, beset by many diverse and complicated problems. Everywhere we see force being used to tackle problems on the basis that "might is right" instead of using peaceful methods such as diplomacy, NATO and even the United Nations refuse to force to resolve difficulties. Such methods solve nothing - they cause untold misery for ordinary people who only want peace and a better life - and they will certainly give rise to greater problems in the future.

Hashim Ibrahim F  
Jed

## Advanced citizenship

Sir - Indians proudly claim that they live in the world's largest democracy, but what good is democracy when the system is being manipulated and perverted by corrupt politicians like Thackeray.

Before 1947 we were slaves to the British, after great sacrifice we gained our independence on August 15, 1947.

But now we have to wonder if all that effort was spent in vain. What have we gained by substituting criminals for imperialists? It is time corrupt politicians are punished for their actions. Let's finally put an end to slavery and make democracy in India mean something.

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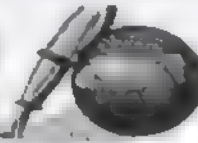
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



— "He pointed out that France was exporting what was left of its poultry to Saudi Arabia after first distributing it among different countries including Russia, East European and African States."

This affirmation is totally false, and defamatory. Saudi Arabia is France's first customer in the world for poultry products and France does not export "what is left" of its poultry to Saudi Arabia but considers and treats its Saudi customers as they deserve, with all the respect and attention due to customers.

— "Faqeeh also alleged that the chicken products exported to the Kingdom by some European and American countries did not comply with the country's quality standards"

This allegation is totally untrue and slanders French products and bodies in charge of inspecting and controlling imported food products in Saudi Arabia, the Ministry of Commerce and the Customs services. Should any of the French poultry products available on the Saudi market not have complied with the SASO standards or any Saudi regulation, the Department of Customs would have immediately blocked them

French poultry producers take extreme caution of the health of consumers, in Europe as well as abroad.

— "The level of water content in imported chicken from France and Brazil is 13 percent against the permitted level of five percent."

This allegation is of course totally false and defamatory. French chicken exported to Saudi Arabia fully complies with all SASO requirements, including water content less than 5 percent. No shipment has ever been blocked by Saudi Customs for excessive water content.

— "France, Brazil and other countries produce special meat for export to the Middle East and these products differ from what they export

to EU countries."

It is true that the chicken exported to the Middle East is different from the one exported to EU countries: first, the chicken exported to the Middle East is halal, to comply with the religious beliefs of Saudi customers and specifications of the Saudi authorities; and second, Saudi market requires rather smaller chicken (average weight: 900-1000g) than those consumed in Europe. But in no way does the quality of the product differ from one destination to another.

Counting on the well-known and respected reputation of your newspaper, I remain,

**Herve Piquet**

French Trade Commissioner

Riyadh

## War and suicide

"This refers to the letter on Ethiopia (May 31). Are those who call the patriotic duty of fighting for one's country "suicidal" really Ethiopians or Entreans? Dear brothers, those who went to the battlefield and were killed by the enemy were "heroes of victory" and they was not confined to a specific tribe as you mention.

They belonged to all tribes be it from Tigray or any other tribe and it was on their own will, because we have only one country and it is a matter of patriotism, and they really keep our heads. They deserve our appreciation and respect

**Ahmed O.M**

Jeddah

## A little civility

I couldn't agree more with Khaled Al-Maena's article (June 1). I and other Westerners in the Kingdom find it amazing how little respect many people here, not all, have for other people and the environment. Every time I find myself in a situation where queuing is involved there is always someone who thinks he has the right to push in.

I live in the beautiful area of Abha, or rather it would be beautiful if all the scenic areas weren't covered in rubbish. Why can't people take there rubbish home with them? It seems to be yet another case of disrespect for other people and the beauty around them.

I don't want to generalize and I know that many people in my country, Britain, can be rude and ignorant too; but after living in England, Spain and Japan I have never seen such an attitude as I have seen here. Who is responsible? The parents? The schools? Authorities? A combination of all three? Any answers or even theories from you would be welcome.

**Mark Batman**

Abha

## Shrewd game indeed!

Your editorial (A shrewd game — May 26) presented the true picture of the game the Indian government is playing. If the Indian government were sincere it should have announced the following:

a — An immediate withdrawal of Indian troops from Kashmir;

b — Willingness to respect various UN resolutions on the Kashmir dispute;

c — A referendum in Kashmir, under neutral observers, to decide whether the Kashmiris want to live under Indian rule or to merge with Pakistan

**Muhammad Ali**

Jeddah

## Summer vacation

It is now the time for summer with all universities and schools closed. Students are free from all worries and activities connected with their studies. But the spare time should be utilized to learn something new, or to add to what they already know. There are many opportunities available in various fields.

Some will be interested in sports, some in foreign languages, computers and Internet. Make use of the summer vacation to better your prospects.

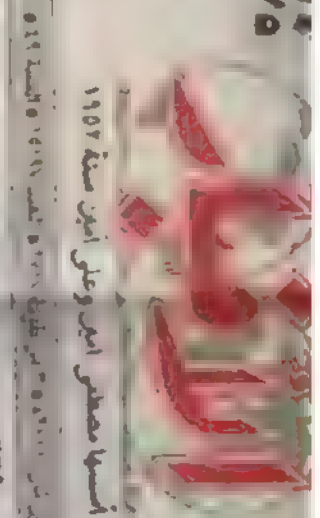
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Through all these have to take a share of the blame, most of it should go to the government. It is the institution that has the responsibility and power to enact and implement laws against pornography. The law should punish all those who violate the rules.



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## End to dispute

The long row between Qatar and Bahrain is over. Their dispute has been settled amicably with their recourse to the International Court of Justice. It is a very good example set by the two Gulf states who, though small in size, are big in all other aspects. The other countries in the region who have similar disputes with their neighbors must follow the example. They must sit together and try solve their problems through discussions. If they fail to reach an agreement, the issue must be left to be judged by a neutral body acceptable to both the sides.

Congratulation to both Bahrain and Qatar.

**Hashim Ibrahim**  
Jeddah



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**1424** The English defeat the  
Sacks and Persh at the Battle of  
Verneuil during the Hundred Years' War

**1585** - Spanish forces take Antwerp after a 14-month siege  
of Holland

**1850** - Denmark cedes all forts and property rights on the  
Gold Coast (now Ghana) of Africa to Britain

**1943** - In World War Two US forces under Patton relieve  
Messina, arriving just hours ahead of Montgomery's  
British Eighth Army, signalling the end of the Sicilian cam-  
paign

**1945** - Dr Sukarno claims independence for Indonesia  
from the Netherlands, setting up the Provisional  
Indonesian Republic in Government

**1961** - Cuban regains independence from a harsh colonial  
rule of France.

**1975** - The Soviet nuclear-powered icebreaker Arktika  
becomes the first surface ship to reach the North Pole.

**1976** - A severe earthquake hits the southern Philippines  
island of Mindanao, leaving about 8,000 people dead

**1987** - Adolf Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess, an octogenari-  
an prisoner, is found dead in his cell in Spandau Prison. He  
hanged himself with an electric cord

**1988** - Pakistani president Zia-ul-Haq is killed when his  
plane explodes after takeoff. The mystery - like the one  
surrounding the assassination of Pakistan's first prime  
minister Liaqat Ali Khan - was never uncovered

**1994** - Ruw's special forces, Lesotho after 'king' Laetse III  
dissolves the country's elected government

**1999** - A violent earthquake measuring 7.4 on the Richter  
scale strikes the western Turkish city of Izmit, southeast of  
Istanbul, killing more than 17,000 people

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

Just people would rather die than think; in fact, they do so.  
British philosopher Bertrand Russell

# LETTERS

## Arab League's task

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answer is no, then what are the issues that the Arab  
League should be discussing and holding the sum-  
mits for?

**Hussein Ibrahim Filali  
Jeddah**

## Sharon's provocations

Sir, The situation in occupied Palestine is wors-  
ening. Israeli Premier Ariel Sharon has adopted a  
highly provocative policy. He is bent on the ethnic  
cleansing of the Palestinians whose lands have  
been occupied illegally. Israeli occupation of  
Orient House, a symbol of Palestinian sovereignty  
is an example of Sharon's provocative policies  
which will lead only to destruction.

The occupation of Orient House is a blatant vio-  
lation of the Oslo accord, in which Israel made a  
commitment not to harm the Palestinian insti-  
tutions in occupied Jerusalem. In fact there is a war-  
like situation in which Israel is using all its military  
might against the unarmed Palestinians. None but  
Sharon is responsible.

The Palestinians had opted for peace and gave  
Israel a number of privileges and concessions but  
in return Israel deceived them. It was an Israeli  
strategy to enter negotiations so that the first  
intifada could lose its momentum and Israel would  
be able to crush it totally.

The US and its allies have condemned the Israeli  
actions but their concern does not go beyond ver-  
bal censure. A senior US official has described the

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back to Sharon who is known to hold  
civilians. He knows well that their word, an  
of meaning.

Strong action from the US and its ally  
surely force Israel to come to its senses.

You are right in your editorial "Bar-  
ker" (Saudi Gazette, August 12) that the  
nations, led by the US, are the face of the  
of civilians and violations of their basic  
rights. The world community, especially the  
of the Middle East peace process and a  
political will to stop Israeli atrocities, has  
nation gets worse.

Sharon's contention that he is under  
public pressure to take extreme action is  
The Israelis have realized that Sharon is  
sion course that would bring about the  
level. The Palestinians are fighting the il-  
legal and when one fights for one's  
becomes fearless and is prepared to do  
everything, including the use of violence.  
come to that stage and tomorrow they will  
unpleasant, Israeli Allah.

The situation, meanwhile, requires a  
Muslim reaction.

**Abu  
Khandaq**

## On the freedom trail

Sir - I've read comments by fellow re-  
Armando de Jesus (Saudi Gazette), Aug  
Gilbert Samuel (Gazette), Saudi Gazette, May  
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Hashim Ibrahim Filali  
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## **A lesson for others**

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Hashim Ibrahim  
Jeddah

## **Kofi Annan's bias**

Sir – The UN came into existence in 1945 and resolutions on Kashmir were passed in 1948. On what basis has Secretary General Kofi Annan

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## COVERING THE BASES

Your publication amazes me with its mass of information. You cover almost every single issue in the networking field, and you provide timely and in-depth views about what is going on. Your magazine gives excellent support. Please continue to cover all the rapid updates in technology.

**Dr. Hashim Ibrahim**

Industrial Engineer

Learning Tree

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

## ALIEN CROSSTALK:

### THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE

Your article "What Comes After Category 5?" (July 1999, page 44) gave an excellent overview of Category 5 cable and the emerging standards.

Although Category 5 is the standard of choice at the moment, many companies are looking beyond Category 5 to Category 5e or even Category 6 to accommodate their long-term networking requirements. However, to those readers considering upgrading, I would like to offer a few words of warning. As the article suggests, with the introduction of Gigabit Ethernet and other media protocols using parallel transmission schemes, the level of cable-to-cable interference has risen dramatically. One type of interference is the phenomenon known as Alien Crosstalk, which is the interference caused by a pair of wires inducing noise onto another pair of wires in an adjacent cable.

Tests conducted by our research and development lab on recently released Category 5e/Category 6 cabling found that products available from many vendors do not account for the presence of Alien Crosstalk. This raises serious concerns about the performance of some cabling products and their ability to deliver the power needed for the more demanding applications of the future.

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A properly designed UTP cable that takes Alien Crosstalk into account may be less susceptible to the phenomenon. However, the only copper solutions that can guarantee complete immunity to Alien Crosstalk are those that incorporate 100Ohm, screened, balanced, twisted pairs—also known as Screened Twisted Pairs (STPs) or Foil Twisted Pairs (FTPs).

Networking professionals should put this requirement at the top of their checklists when considering network cabling investments.

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## INCLUSION DETECTION

My name is Ron Gula, and I wrote the Dragon Intrusion Detection System (IDS) product. A colleague of mine pointed out an article you wrote ("Security Reality Check," July 1999, page 80) mentioning that Network Flight Recorder (NFR) was the only packet IDS that reassembled TCP/IP network sessions. I couldn't trace the article, so please forgive me if I am putting words in your mouth.

I wanted to let you know that Dragon has been doing full network-session reconstruction since June 1999, and ISS's latest version of RealSecure handles this as well. There are even some free APIs that can reassemble TCP network flows. NFR's network session reassembly is not really a distinguishing feature anymore.

**Ron Gula**

President

Network Security Wizards

Columbia, MD

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One of the main points made in the Newsham/Ptacek paper, which was referenced in the article, was that even when a product handles packet reassembly, it cannot detect all attacks. This is because there are two ways of reassembling packets: RFC 791 specifies one way, but Sun Microsystems and Microsoft do it another way. So if the monitored network contains a mixture of Hewlett-Packard and Windows workstations, either the IDS attempts to reassemble packets both ways or (more likely) chooses one, missing what may be attacks in the process.

There are other problems with IDSS, some of which appear impossible to solve. But IDSS can still be a part of network security. —Rik Farrow

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